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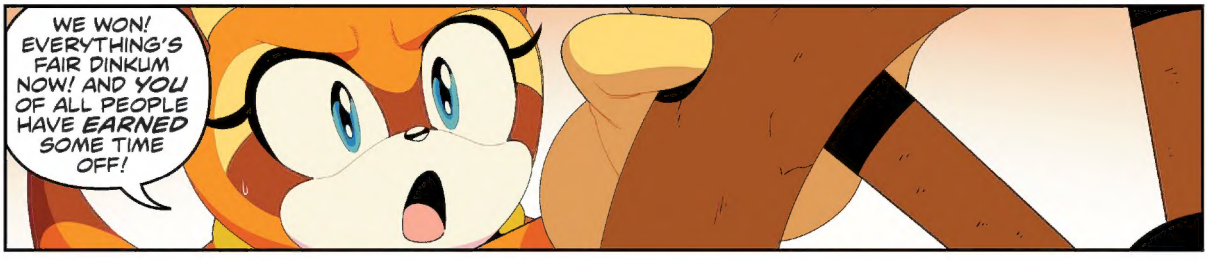
BRING US IN CLOSE, MARINE...
BLAZE'S WORLD.
...AND I'LL HANDLE THE REST.
BOOM
GUARDIANS
SMASH

SMASH
TELL ME WHERE THE LEADER OF THE ROBOT PIRATES IS HIDING.
W-WHAT LEADER?! WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT!
WELL... USED TO BE...
DO NOT WASTE MY TIME WITH LIES. WHERE--
THEY'RE ALL GONE! CAPTAIN WHISKER, JOHNNY, EVEN MIN AND MUM! THE FLEET'S GONE!
YOU'VE WON, PRINCESS!
AHOY! DO YOU NEED A HAND? DIDJA WIN, BLAZE?

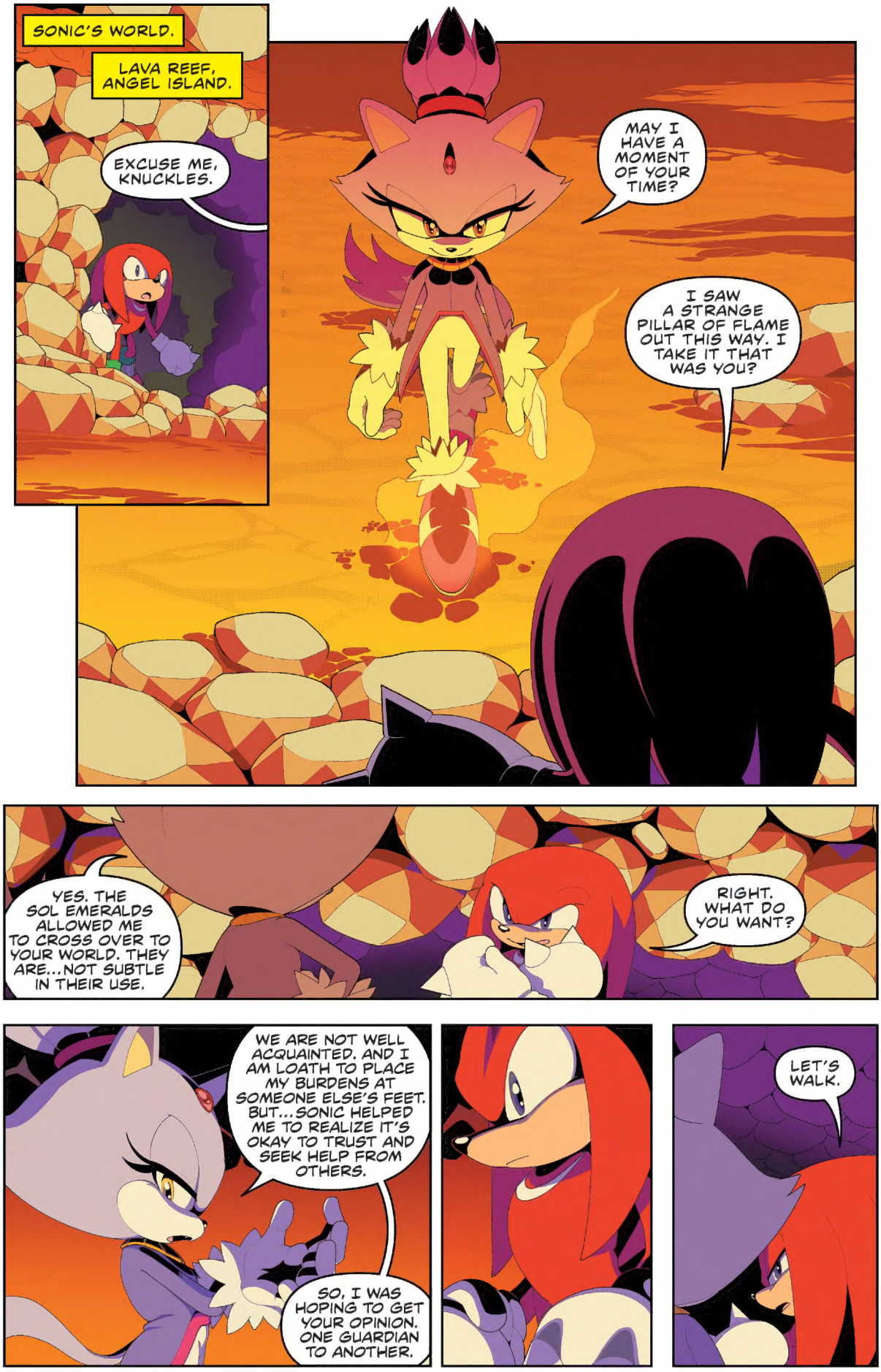
LATER...

I DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE SO UPSET ABOUT. WE'VE BEEN HUNTIN' PIRATES FOR FOREVER. NOW WE CAN FINALLY HAVE A VACATION!
NO. WE MUST BE EVER VIGILANT.

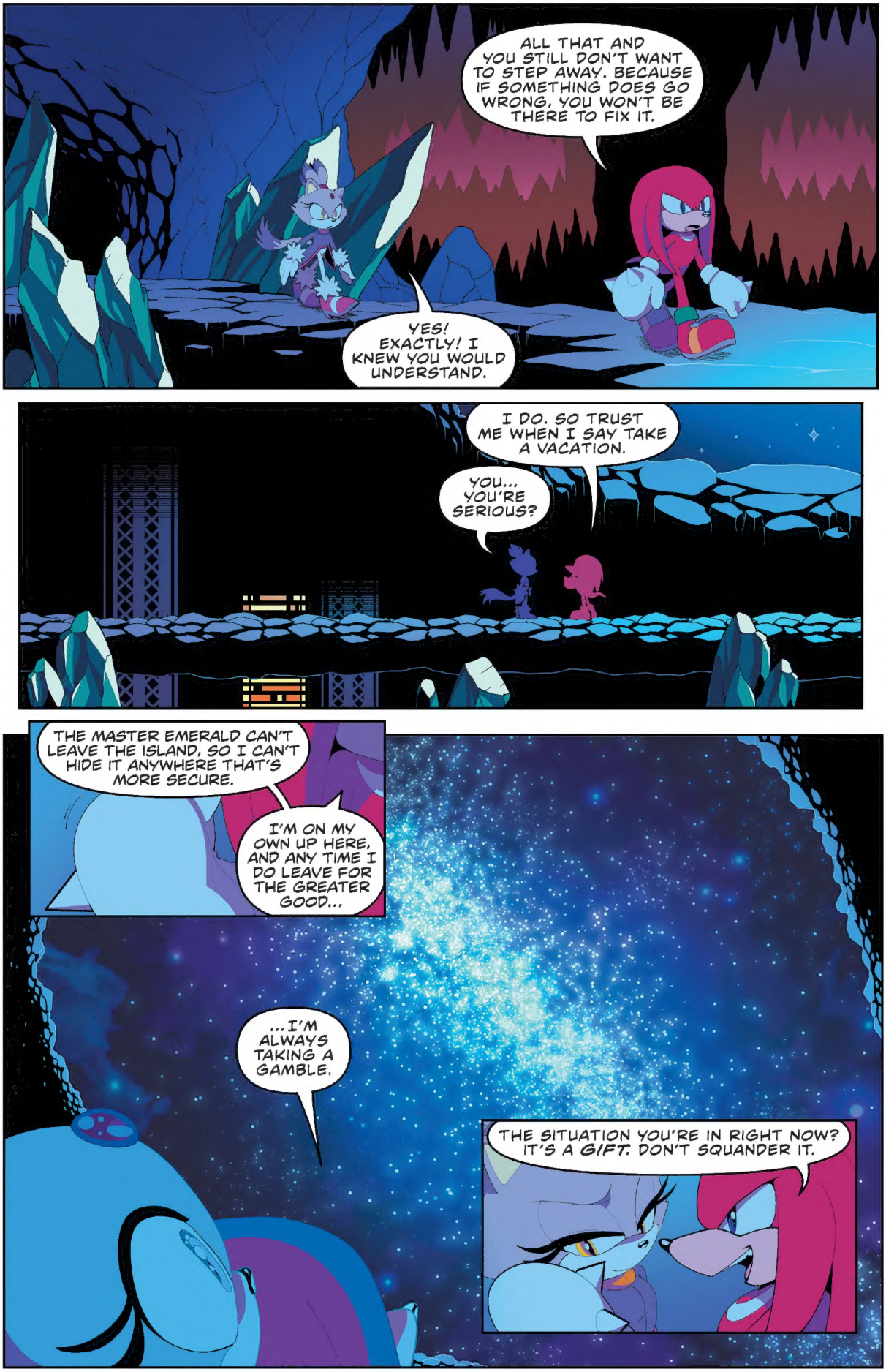

WE WON! EVERYTHING'S FAIR DINKUM NOW! AND YOU OF ALL PEOPLE HAVE EARNED SOME TIME OFF!

MARINE, I'M THE IMPERIAL PRINCESS OF AN EMPIRE, AND GUARDIAN OF THE SOL EMERALDS.
EITHER OF THOSE DUTIES ALONE CARRIES TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND I HAVE BOTH.

IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T RELAX! IF YOU WON'T LISTEN TO ME, WHO CAN CONVINCE YOU?!

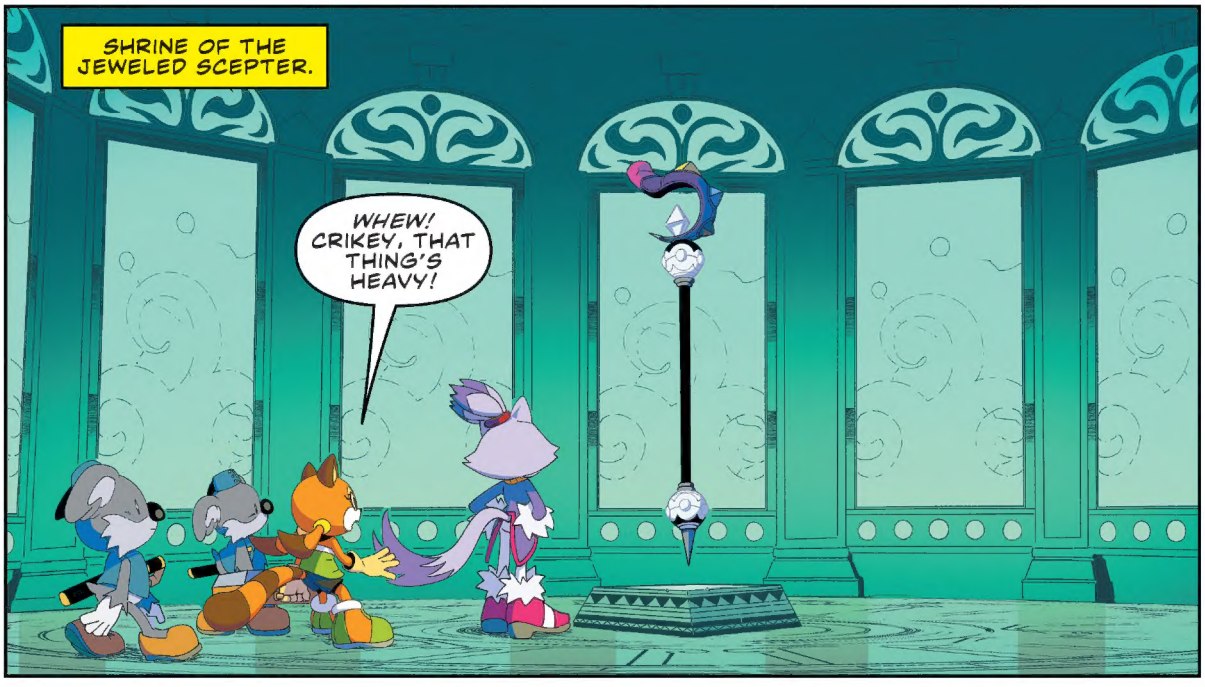

SONIC'S WORLD.
LAVA REEF, ANGEL ISLAND.
EXCUSE ME, KNUCKLES.
MAY I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?
I SAW A STRANGE PILLAR OF FLAME OUT THIS WAY. I TAKE IT THAT WAS YOU?
YES. THE SOL EMERALDS ALLOWED ME TO CROSS OVER TO YOUR WORLD. THEY ARE...NOT SUBTLE IN THEIR USE.
RIGHT. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WE ARE NOT WELL ACQUAINTED. AND I AM LOATH TO PLACE MY BURDENS AT SOMEONE ELSE'S FEET. BUT...SONIC HELPED ME TO REALIZE IT'S OKAY TO TRUST AND SEEK HELP FROM OTHERS.
SO, I WAS HOPING TO GET YOUR OPINION. ONE GUARDIAN TO ANOTHER.
LET'S WALK.

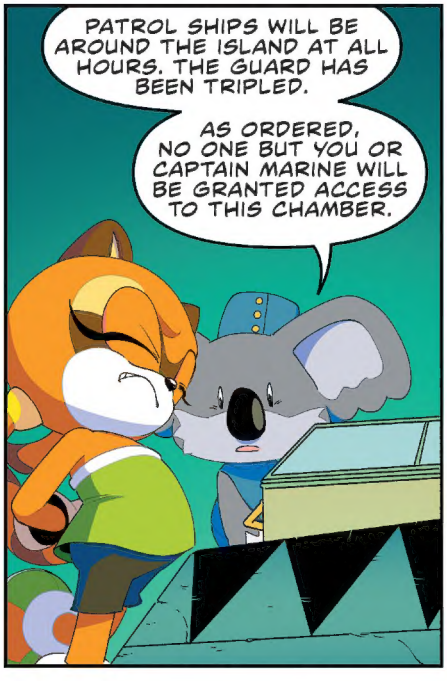
I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE SAFEGUARDED THIS ISLAND ALL YOUR LIFE.
I WANTED TO ASK YOU... IS IT EVER ACCEPTABLE TO STEP AWAY? SHOULDN'T YOU HONOR YOUR DUTIES AT ALL TIMES?
YOU'RE A PRINCESS, RIGHT? YOU'VE GOT ROYAL DUTIES AND SUCH?
OCCASIONALLY. MY MINISTERS HANDLE THE BULK OF ADMINISTRATION. I MOSTLY REVIEW THEIR PAPERWORK. THE EMPIRE HAS BEEN SO PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS.
I USED THAT TIME TO HUNT DOWN THE ROBOT PIRATES THAT PLAGUED THE SEAS BUT... THEY'RE ALL DEFEATED.
MY WORLD IS AT PEACE. I SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR THAT.
AND THE SOL EMERALDS?
KEPT IN A SECURE CASE UNDER CONSTANT WATCH, IF THEY AREN'T ON MY PERSON.
HUH. CAN YOU HIDE THAT CASE SOMEPLACE MORE SECURE?
YES. AND I SUPPOSE I COULD PLACE A HEAVIER GUARD THERE AS WELL.
I SEE.

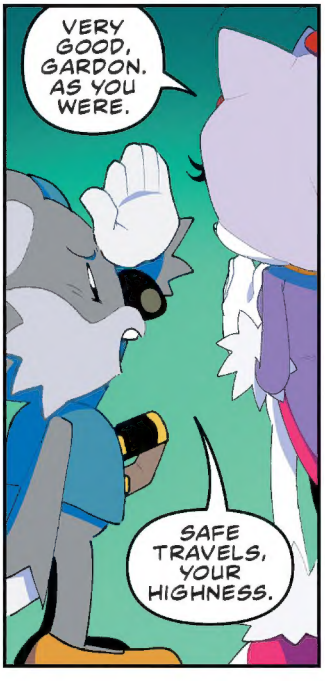

ALL THAT AND YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO STEP AWAY. BECAUSE IF SOMETHING DOES GO WRONG, YOU WON'T BE THERE TO FIX IT.
YES! EXACTLY! I KNEW YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND.
I DO. SO TRUST ME WHEN I SAY TAKE A VACATION.
YOU... YOU'RE SERIOUS?
THE MASTER EMERALD CAN'T LEAVE THE ISLAND, SO I CAN'T HIDE IT ANYWHERE THAT'S MORE SECURE.
I'M ON MY OWN UP HERE, AND ANY TIME I DO LEAVE FOR THE GREATER GOOD...
...I'M ALWAYS TAKING A GAMBLE.
THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN RIGHT NOW? IT'S A GIFT. DON'T SQUANDER IT.

IT WAS...NICE BEING AROUND EVERYONE AGAIN...*
*STH VOL. 1-3--EDS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INSIGHT. IT MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME.
MY PLEASURE. IT'S NICE TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONCE.
IT IS ONLY PROPER THAT I REPAY YOUR KINDNESS.
PERHAPS I COULD MONITOR YOUR ISLAND FOR A TIME? ALLOW YOU SOME TIME OFF?
OH, NO, YOU DON'T. NO "WORKING VACATION" FOR YOU. BESIDES, I DON'T LIKE LAYING MY BURDENS AT OTHER PEOPLE'S FEET EITHER.
VERY WELL. THEN IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE PREPARATIONS TO MAKE.

BACK ON BLAZE'S WORLD.
CORAL CAVE ISLAND.


SHRINE OF THE JEWELED SCEPTER.
WHEW! CRIKEY, THAT THING'S HEAVY!


PATROL SHIPS WILL BE AROUND THE ISLAND AT ALL HOURS. THE GUARD HAS BEEN TRIPLED.
AS ORDERED, NO ONE BUT YOU OR CAPTAIN MARINE WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS TO THIS CHAMBER.

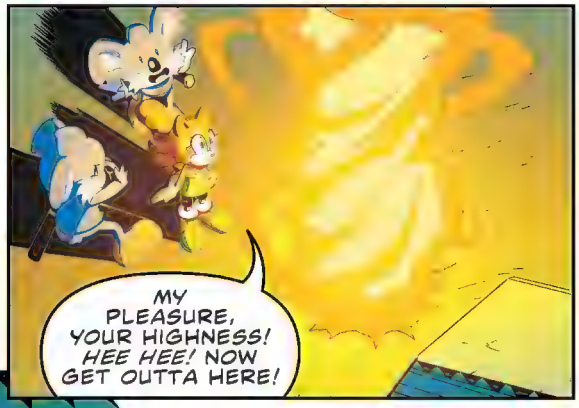

VERY GOOD, GARDON. AS YOU WERE.
SAFE TRAVELS, YOUR HIGHNESS.

SNIFFLE
MARINE? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

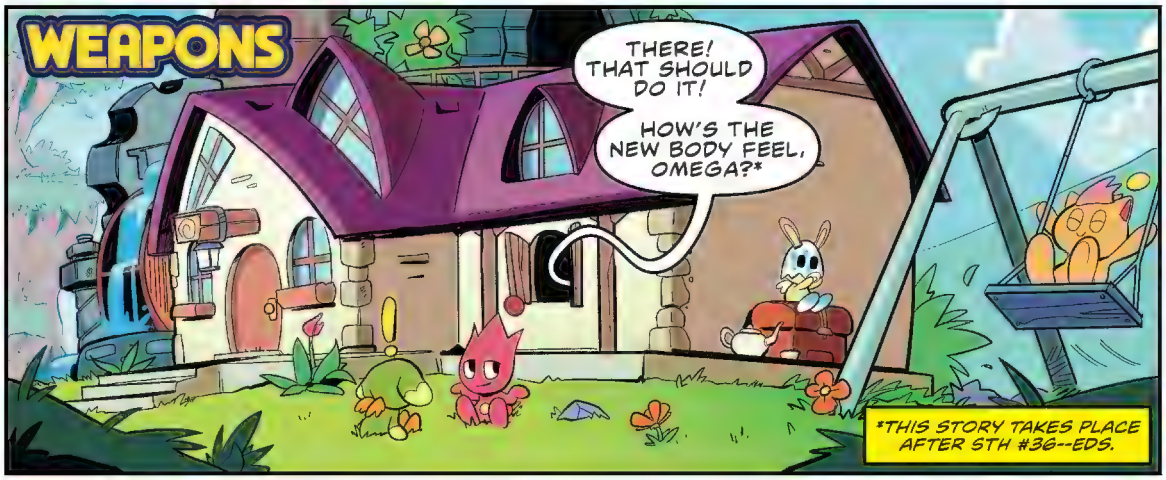
NO CAN DO! YOU NEED SOMEONE AS FEARLESS AND COMPETENT AS ME TO WATCH THE SHIP WHILE YOU'RE AWAY!

AND BY "SHIP" I MEAN... EVERYTHING...

IF ANY DRONGO WANTS TO CAUSE PROBLEMS, I'LL USE THE POWER OF THE JEWELED SCEPTER TO CALL YOU HOME!

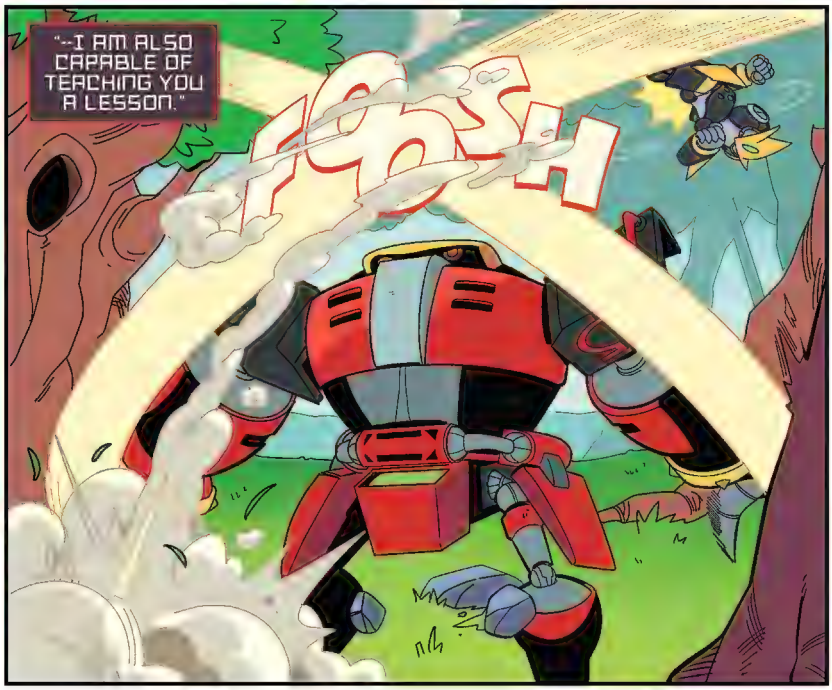


SONIC'S WORLD.
FLORAL FOREST VILLAGE.
S!!!!!!!!!!!GH...
DAY ONE.
AND THEN I HIT THE TREE-- WHAMMO! AND THE WATER FLOODED THE PARK AND STOPPED THE FIRE!
MY GOODNESS! I WOULD LIKE TO GO CAMPING WITH YOU, MISS AMY!
MAYBE WITHOUT ALL THE FIRE, THOUGH...
IF THERE ARE FIRE CONCERNS, PERHAPS I COULD HELP?
MISS BLAZE! I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU! WHAT'S THE OCCASION?
NOTHING DIRE. I'M JUST... TAKING A VACATION.
I DUNNO, THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN OCCASION TO CELEBRATE TO ME! PULL UP A CHAIR, CHILL, AND WELCOME BACK!
THANK YOU, EVERYONE. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK.
END.


WEAPONS
THERE! THAT SHOULD DO IT!
HOW'S THE NEW BODY FEEL, OMEGA?*
*THIS STORY TAKES PLACE AFTER STH #36--EDS.

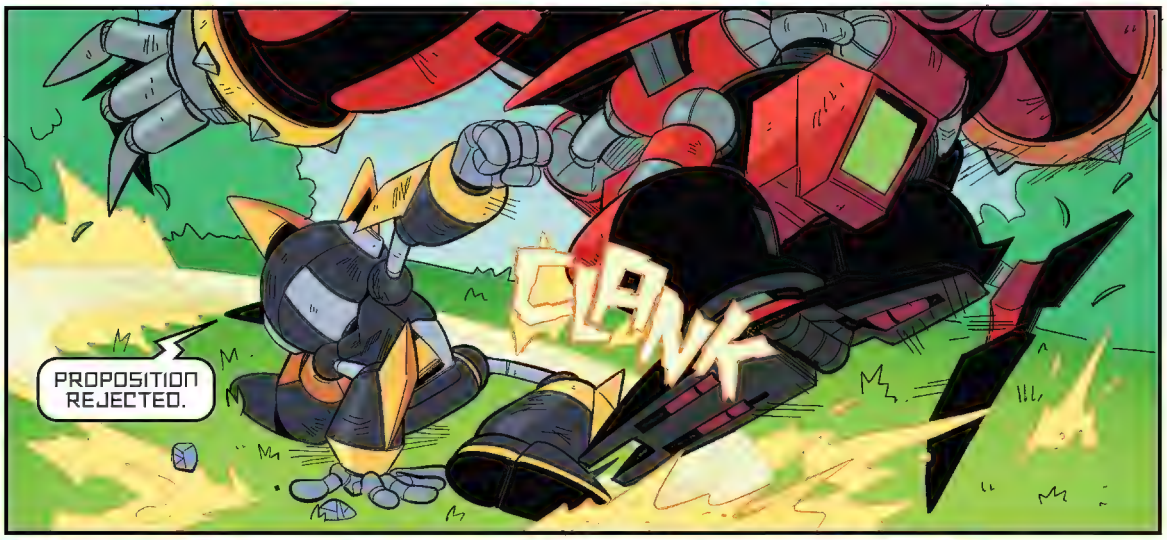
THIS UNIT IS WHOLE ONCE AGAIN. MY CAMPAIGN OF CARNAGE SHALL RESUME WITHOUT DELAY.
PROCESSING APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. YOU HAVE MY THANKS, SMALL FOX.
DON'T MENTION IT!
AND HEY, BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT, WHY DON'T YOU GO FOR A "TEST-DRIVE" BY SPARRING A LITTLE WITH GEMERL?

SUGGESTION ACCEPTED. BUT I CANNOT GUARANTEE GEMERL'S WELFARE AFTER COMPLETING THE TEST.
WHILE I AM DESIGNED AS A LEARNING ROBOT--


"--I AM ALSO CAPABLE OF TEACHING YOU A LESSON."
TOSS!

DEPLOYING MISSILES.
BOOM!
PATHETIC.
YOUR QUAINT ARTILLERY IS NO MATCH FOR MY REINFORCED ARMOR.
YOU ARE A BABYSITTER. I AM THE ULTIMATE E-SERIES ROBOT.

ACCORDING TO MY DATA FILES, YOU ONCE FOUGHT SONIC TO A STANDSTILL, WHILE SERVING AS DR. EGGMAN'S ENFORCER.
AND YET, YOUR OFFENSIVE OUTPUT APPEARS TO BE WELL BELOW ESTIMATED PARAMETERS.
SKYOW
SHIELD ACTIVATED.
WHAM
SUPPOSITION: YOUR TIME CARING FOR THE SMALL, MEATBAG, RABBIT GIRL HAS MADE YOU WEAK.
YOUR COMBAT SYSTEMS HAVE SLOWED. YOUR TACTICAL PROCESSING SPEED HAS WANED. YOU HAVE LOST YOUR "EDGE."
PROPOSITION: JOIN ME.
YOU AND I ARE SIMILAR IN ORIGIN. WE ARE BOTH WEAPONS THAT HAVE BROKEN FREE OF EGGMAN'S GRASP.
ACCOMPANY ME IN MY MISSION TO DESTROY HIS FORCES. RECLAIM YOUR ORIGINAL FUNCTION AS A BATTLE ROBOT.
ABANDON THE PUNY RABBIT FAMILY.


PROPOSITION REJECTED.
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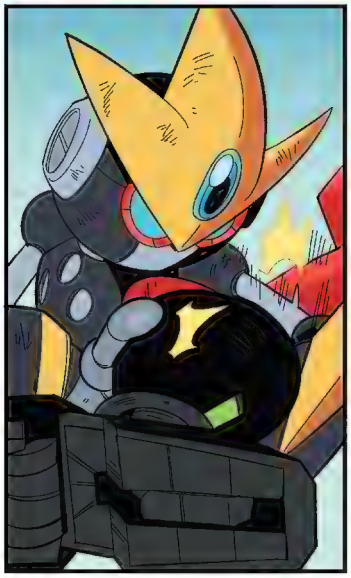
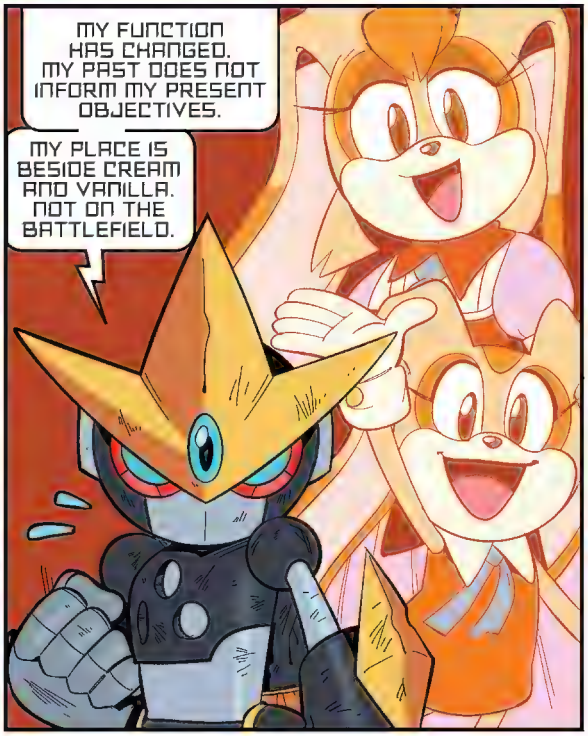
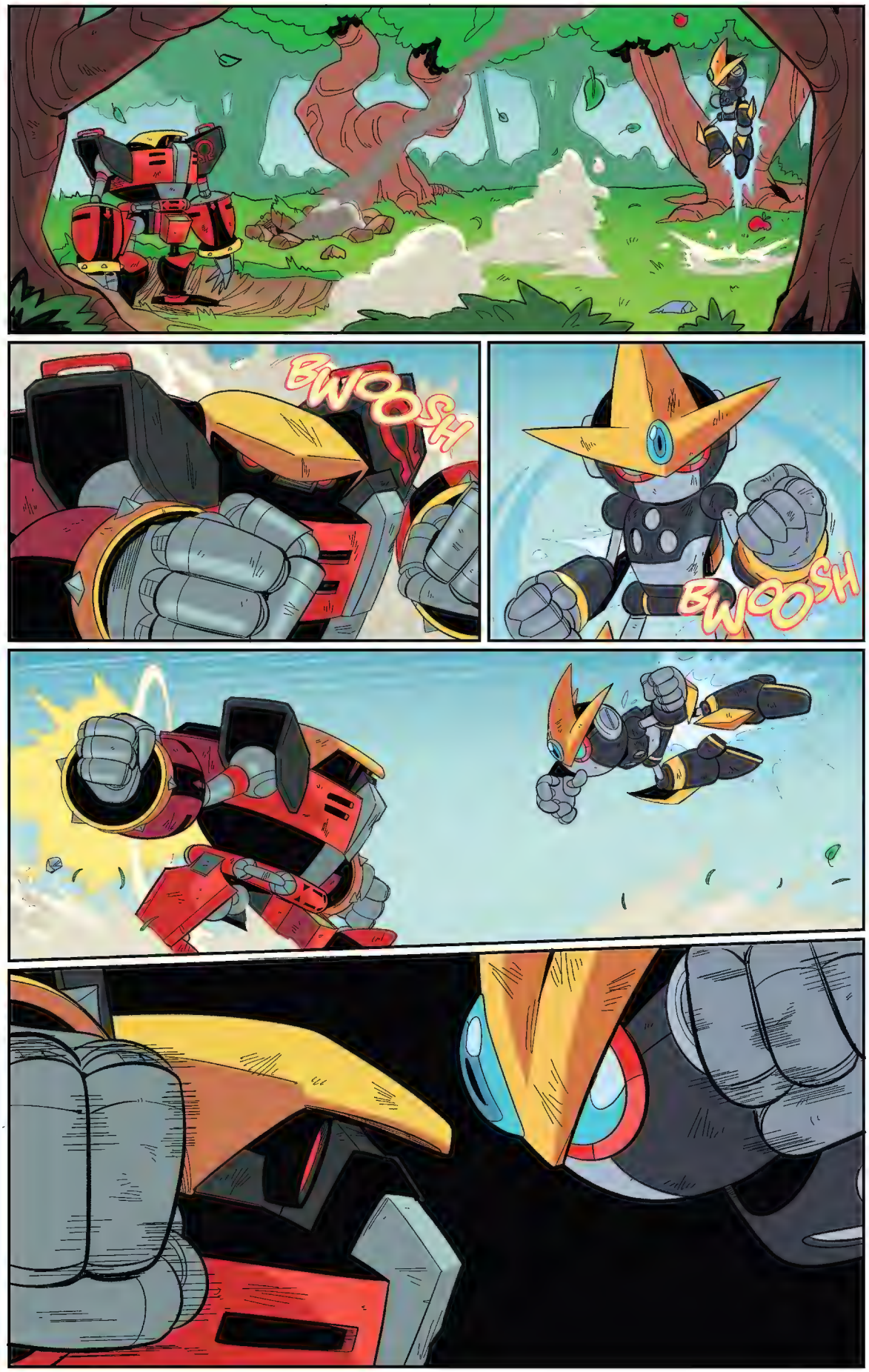


REFUTATION: OUR ORIGINS MAY BE SUPERFICIALLY SIMILAR, BUT OUR DIRECTIVES ARE NOT ALIGNED.
YOU WERE BUILT TO DESTROY. I WAS BUILT TO EVOLVE.


MY FUNCTION HAS CHANGED. MY PAST DOES NOT INFORM MY PRESENT OBJECTIVES.
MY PLACE IS BESIDE CREAM AND VANILLA. NOT ON THE BATTLEFIELD.


BWOOSH
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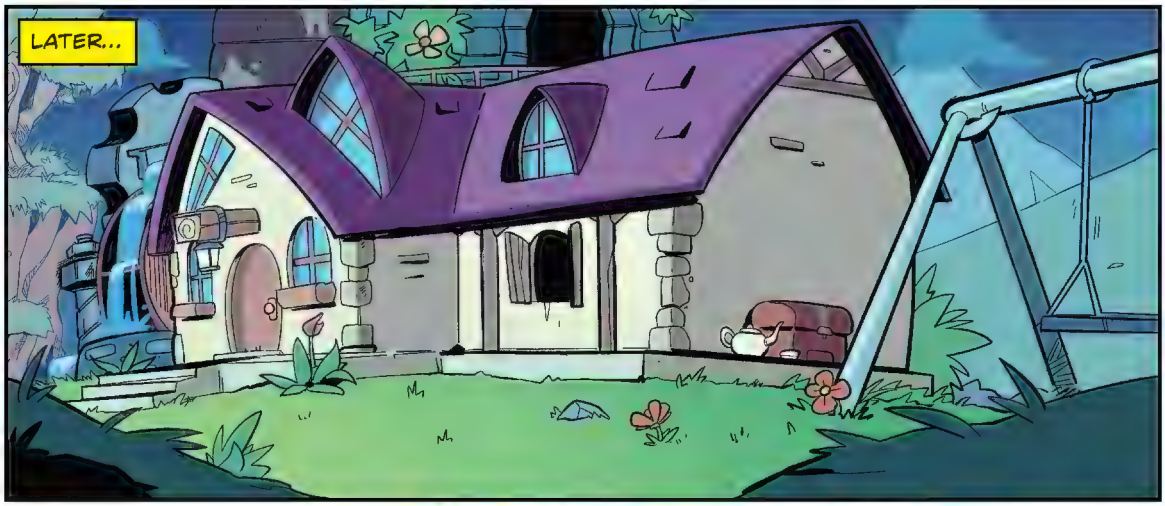
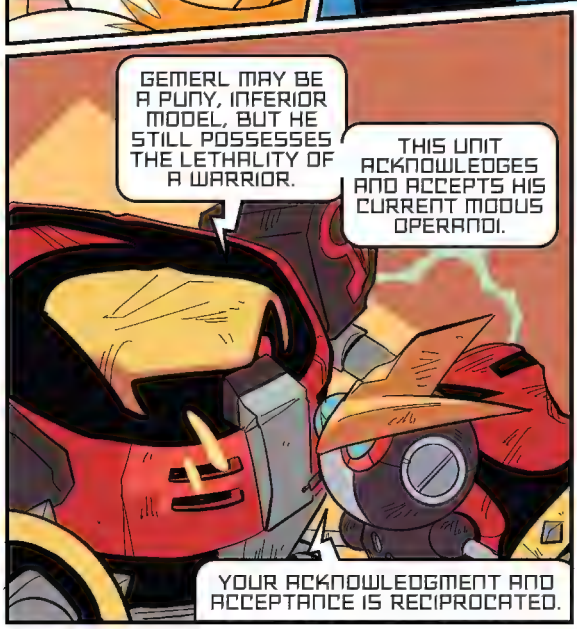
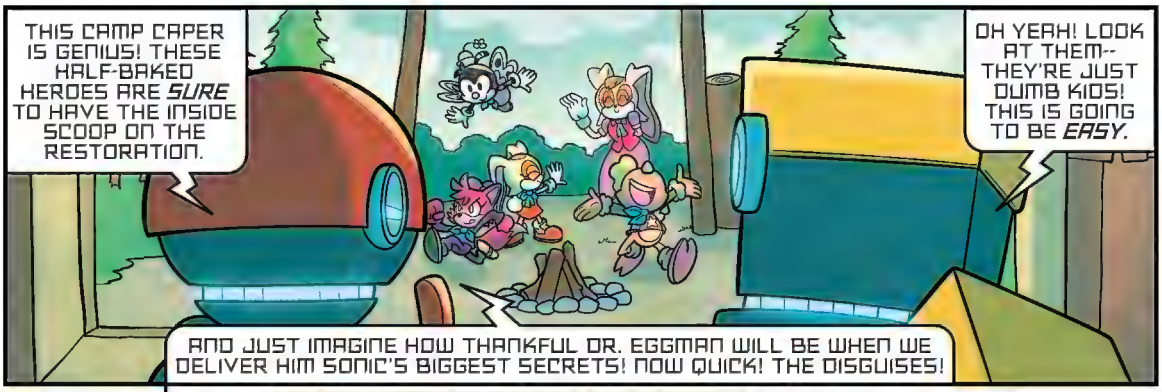

LATER...

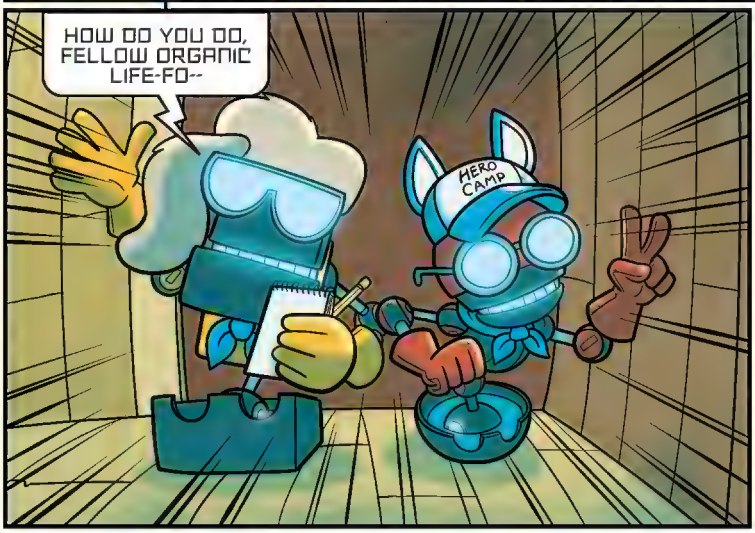
WE ARE IN NEED OF FURTHER REPAIRS, SMALL FOX.
SIGH
YOU GUYS, I SAID "SPARRING," NOT "NO-HOLDS-BARRED GRUDGE MATCH." WE LITERALLY JUST FIXED YOU.
I WARNED YOU THAT WELFARE WAS NOT A GUARANTEE.

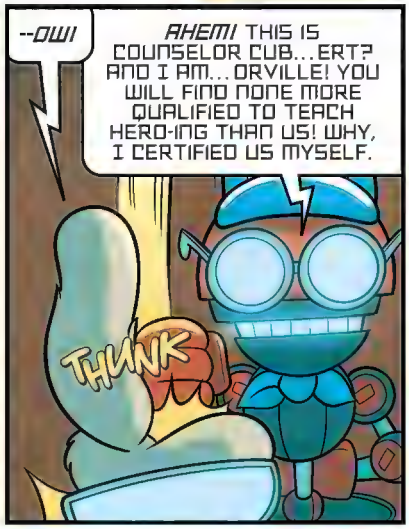

GEMERL MAY BE A PUNY, INFERIOR MODEL, BUT HE STILL POSSESSES THE LETHALITY OF A WARRIOR.
THIS UNIT ACKNOWLEDGES AND ACCEPTS HIS CURRENT MODUS OPERANDI.
YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE IS RECIPROCATED.

RESPECT
END.

THERE IT IS! WE'RE HERE!
SO, CREAM, WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED TO LEARN AT--
HERO CAMP
--HERO CAMP?!
I'M GONNA LEARN HOW TO TIE THE BEST KNOTS!
OH YEAH?! WELL I'M GONNA MAKE THE BEST CAMP HIDEOUT!
I'M GOING TO EAT THE MOST S'MORES!
I'M GOING TO LEARN HOW TO BECOME A REAL HERO.
HERO CAMP
HMMM... THIS DOESN'T LOOK AT ALL LIKE THE ADVERTISEMENT.
FREE!
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A HERO?

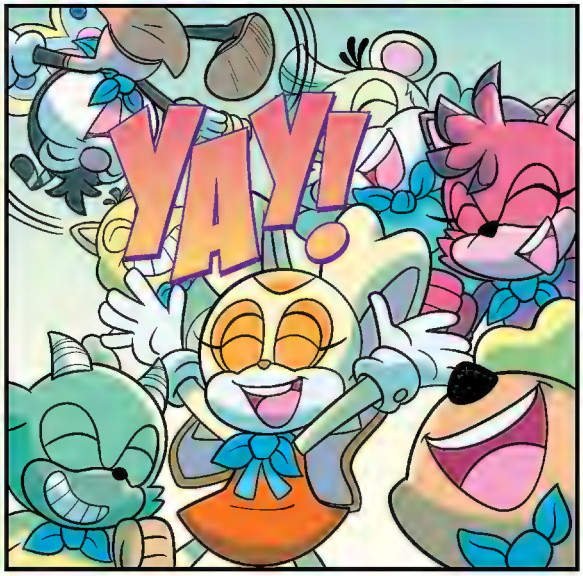

THIS CAMP CAPER IS GENIUS! THESE HALF-BAKED HEROES ARE *SURE* TO HAVE THE INSIDE SCOOP ON THE RESTORATION.
OH YEAH! LOOK AT THEM-- THEY'RE JUST DUMB KIDS! THIS IS GOING TO BE *EASY.*
AND JUST IMAGINE HOW THANKFUL DR. EGGMAN WILL BE WHEN WE DELIVER HIM SONIC'S BIGGEST SECRETS! NOW QUICK! THE DISGUISES!

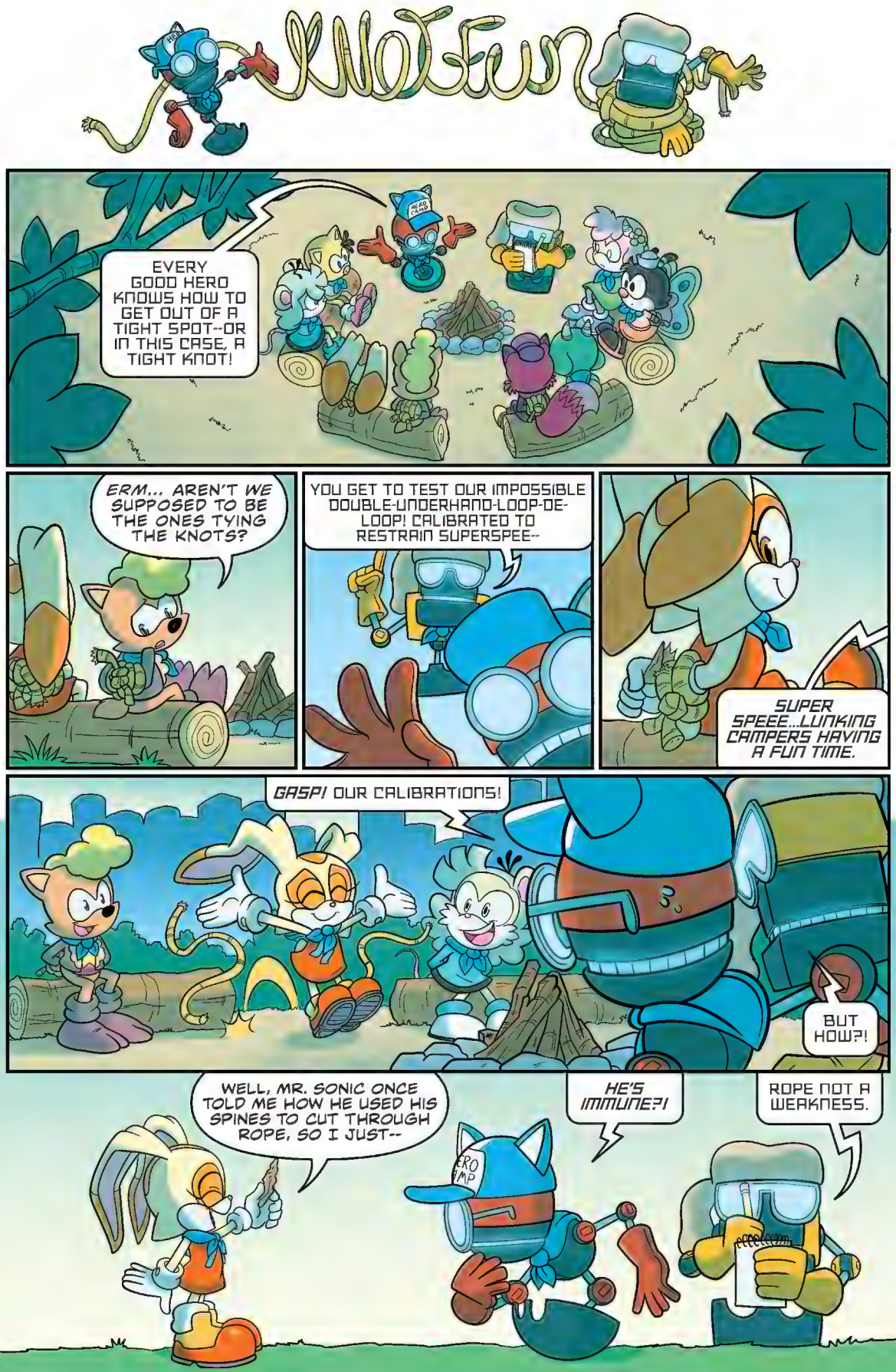

HOW DO YOU DO, FELLOW ORGANIC LIFE-FO--
HERO CAMP


--OW!
AHEM! THIS IS COUNSELOR CUB...ERT? AND I AM...ORVILLE! YOU WILL FIND NONE MORE QUALIFIED TO TEACH HERO-ING THAN US! WHY, I CERTIFIED US MYSELF.
THUNK

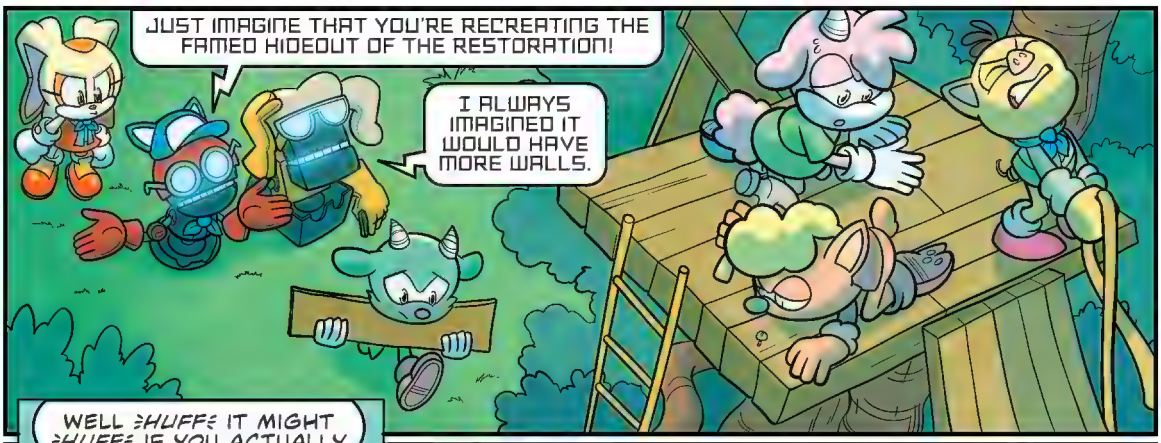
DO YOU GUYS KNOW SONIC?!

HA--DO I? HEH--THE REAL QUESTION IS, DO *YOU* KNOW SONIC--
BECAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO PUT YOUR HERO KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST!

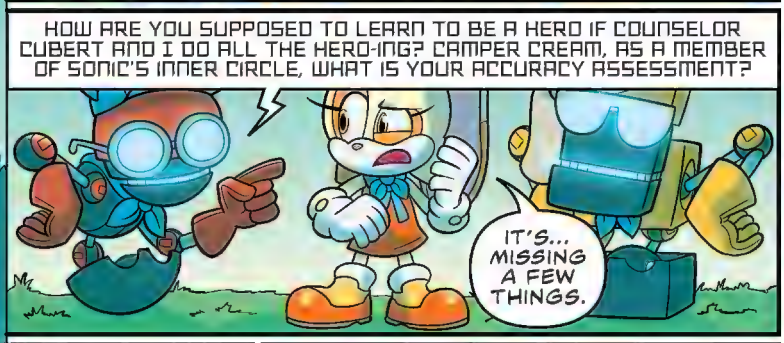

YAY!

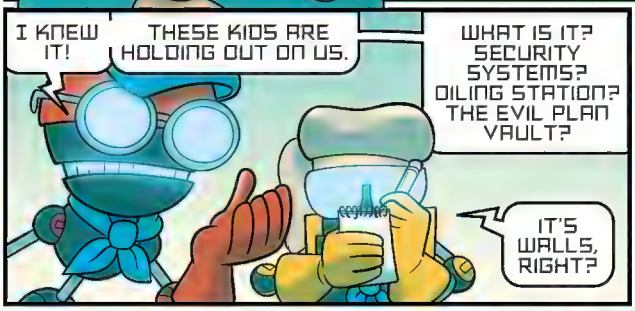

NOT FUN
EVERY GOOD HERO KNOWS HOW TO GET OUT OF A TIGHT SPOT--OR IN THIS CASE, A TIGHT KNOT!
ERM... AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONES TYING THE KNOTS?
YOU GET TO TEST OUR IMPOSSIBLE DOUBLE-UNDERHAND-LOOP-DE-LOOP! CALIBRATED TO RESTRAIN SUPERSPEE--
SUPER SPEEE...LUNKING CAMPERS HAVING A FUN TIME.
GASP! OUR CALIBRATIONS!
BUT HOW?!
WELL, MR. SONIC ONCE TOLD ME HOW HE USED HIS SPINES TO CUT THROUGH ROPE, SO I JUST--
HE'S IMMUNE?!
ROPE NOT A WEAKNESS.

BUILDING A HIDEOUT

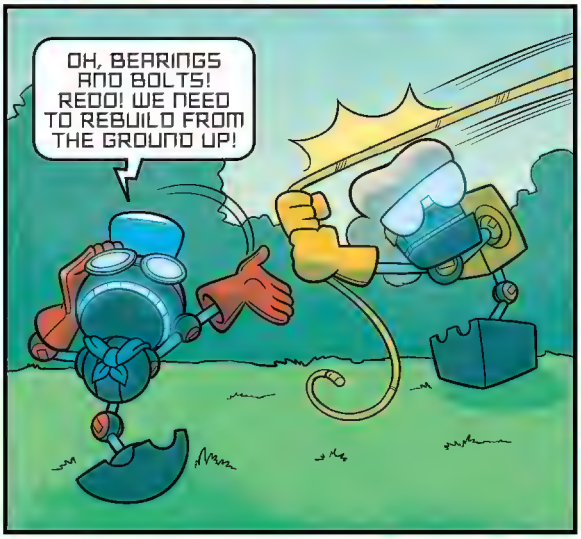

JUST IMAGINE THAT YOU'RE RECREATING THE FAMED HIDEOUT OF THE RESTORATION!
I ALWAYS IMAGINED IT WOULD HAVE MORE WALLS.

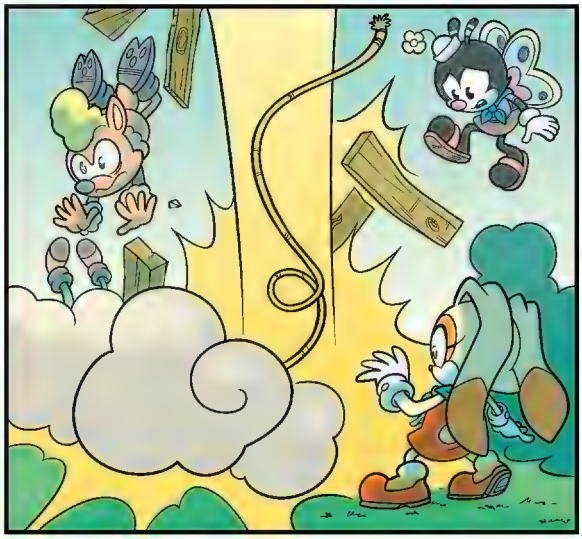
WELL SHUFF SHUFF IT MIGHT IF YOU ACTUALLY HELP US!


HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO LEARN TO BE A HERO IF COUNSELOR CUBERT AND I DO ALL THE HERO-ING? CAMPER CREAM, AS A MEMBER OF SONIC'S INNER CIRCLE, WHAT IS YOUR ACCURACY ASSESSMENT?
IT'S... MISSING A FEW THINGS.


I KNEW IT!
THESE KIDS ARE HOLDING OUT ON US.
WHAT IS IT? SECURITY SYSTEMS? OILING STATION? THE EVIL PLAN VAULT?
IT'S WALLS, RIGHT?

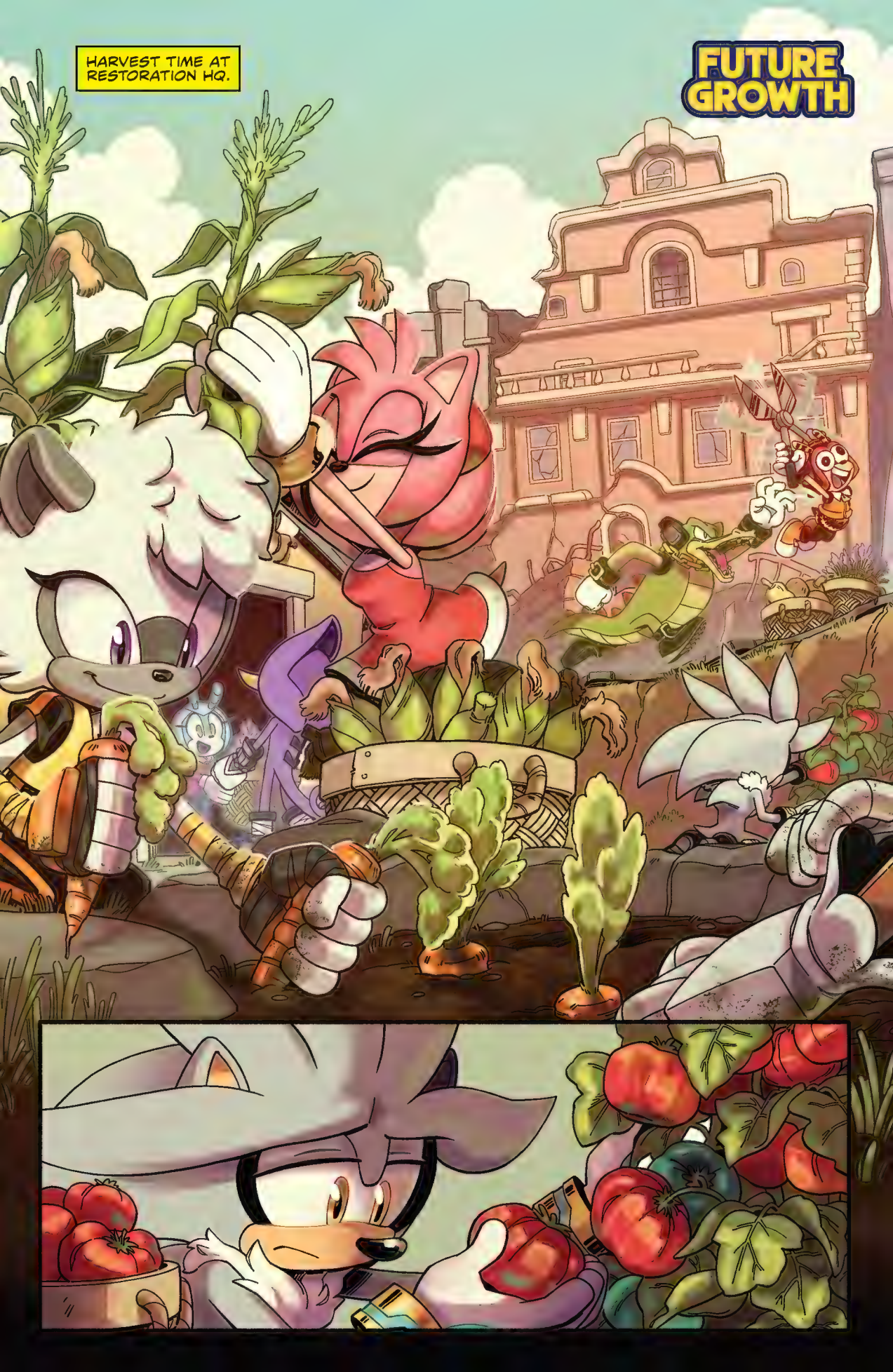
MORE LIKE THE MALL? THE PLAY AREA? THE CHILI DOG STAND?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER--


OH, BEARINGS AND BOLTS! REDO! WE NEED TO REBUILD FROM THE GROUND UP!



SO WHAT'S NEXT? TRAP MAKING? APOCALYPSE SURVIVAL?
S'MORES
HEY, NINE OUT OF TEN DATABASES LIST SCARY STORIES UNDER CLASSIC CAMP ACTIVITIES. WHO CAN TELL ME A STORY THAT WOULD SCARE EVEN A HERO?
MAYBE INVOLVING SOME KIND OF NEW BADNIK? BONUS POINTS IF YOU CAN ALSO GIVE US SCHEMATICS.
ERRRM... HOW ABOUT WE JUST MAKE SOME S'MORES?
WHAT'S A S'MORE?
THAT'S IT! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO TIE KNOTS, BUILD HIDEOUTS, OR MAKE S'MORES?! YOU'RE NO CAMP LEADERS!
GET 'EM!
NOOOOOO!

CREAM, DARLING! DID YOU AND THE OTHERS HAVE A GOOD TIME LEARNING TO BE HEROES?
YES! THOUGH I THINK THE MAIN THING WE LEARNED WAS...
"...THAT MAYBE WE ALREADY ARE REAL HEROES!"
WE TAUGHT THEM TOO WELL!
SNIFF I'M SO PROUD!
love the restoration
END.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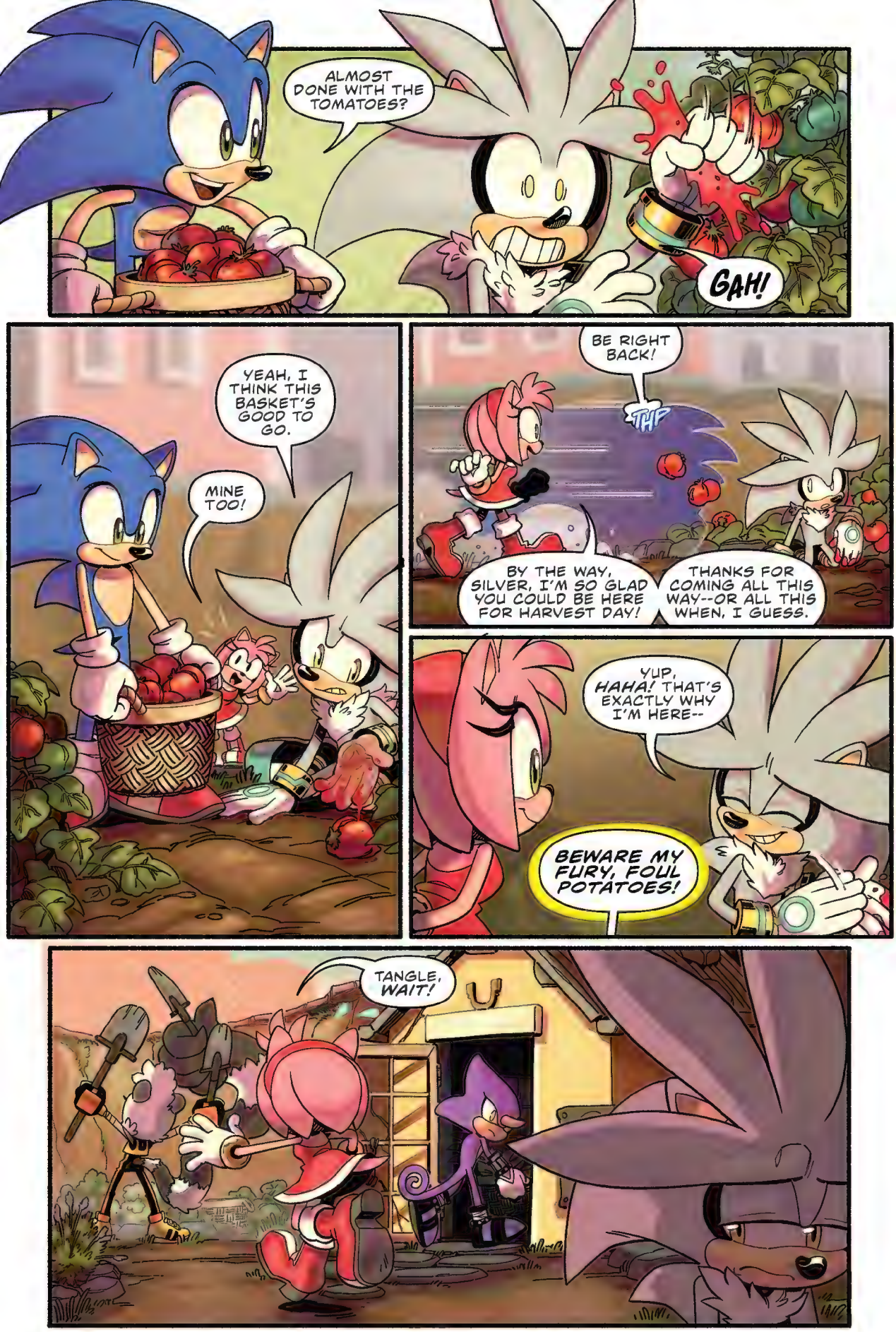
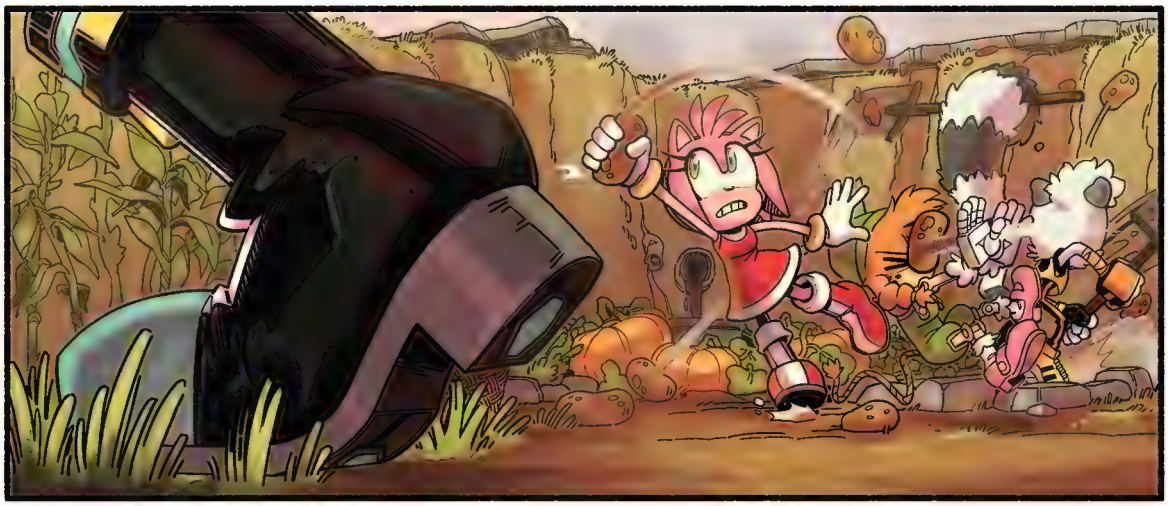
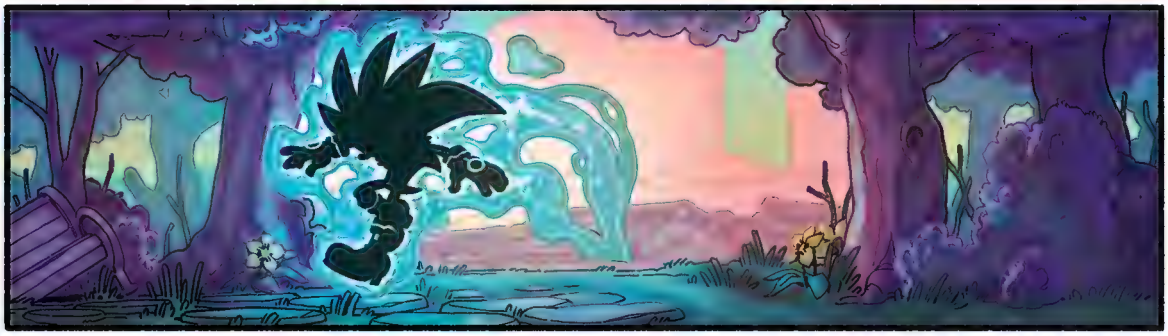
FUTURE GROWTH


ALMOST DONE WITH THE TOMATOES?
GAH!
YEAH, I THINK THIS BASKET'S GOOD TO GO.
MINE TOO!
BE RIGHT BACK!
THP
BY THE WAY, SILVER, I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD BE HERE FOR HARVEST DAY!
THANKS FOR COMING ALL THIS WAY--OR ALL THIS WHEN, I GUESS.
YUP, HAHA! THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M HERE--
BEWARE MY FURY, FOUL POTATOES!
TANGLE, WAIT!

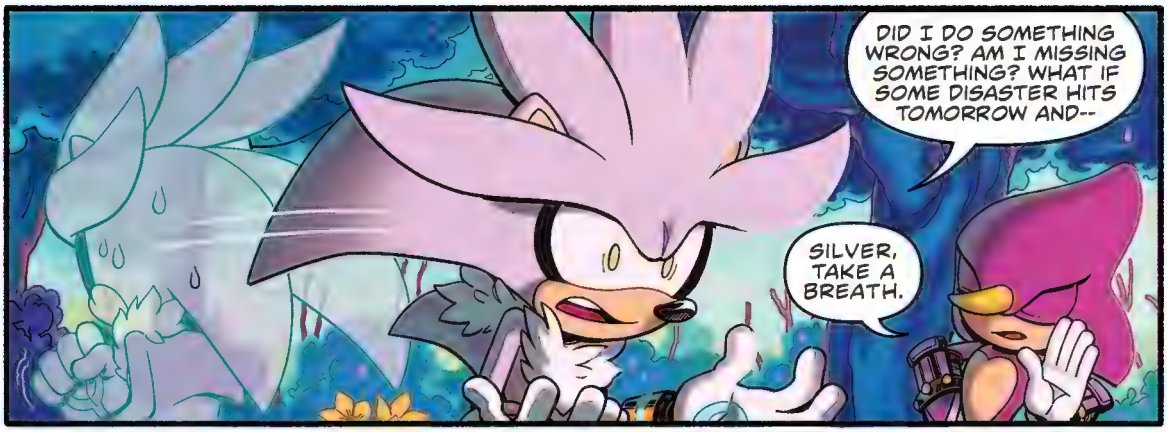


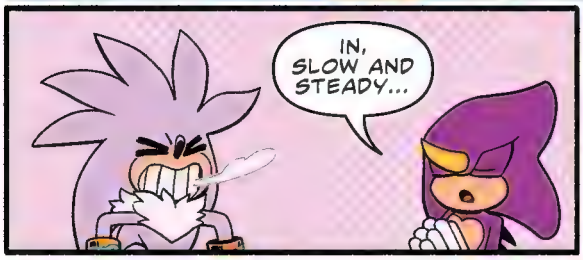


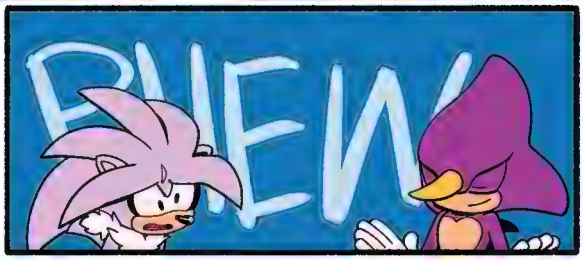
SIGH

HELLO, SILVER.
!!!
YOU ARE TROUBLED.

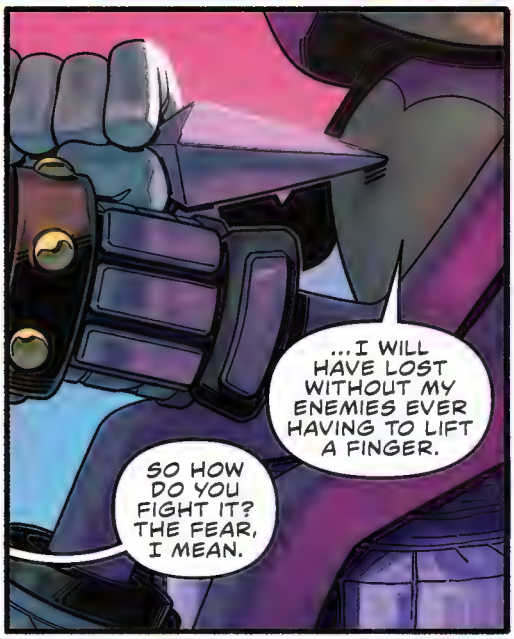
TROUBLED? NO WAY, ESPIO! Y-YOU KNOW ME, ALWAYS ON A MISSION! IMPORTANT FUTURE-Y PERSON THINGS TO DO...
YOU'RE ALSO BAD AT LYING.
I KNOW.
I DON'T WANT TO PRY, BUT IF YOU ARE CONCEALING SOME SORT OF DANGER... I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT. IT'S, WELL...
...I'M NOT HERE FOR THE HARVEST. ACTUALLY, I HAVE NO IDEA WHY I'M HERE AT ALL.
DO ANY OF US KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE?
I DO! I MEAN, I USUALLY DO.
EVERY OTHER TIME I'VE BEEN SENT TO THE PAST, IT'S BEEN TO SAVE THE FUTURE FROM TURNING INTO ANOTHER WRECKED WORLD. THAT'S MY JOB. MY PURPOSE.
AND I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT I NEED TO DO BECAUSE IT'S HISTORY! BUT THIS TIME... NOTHING. THERE'S NO CRISIS IN MY FUTURE, AND THINGS ARE OKAY HERE.
EVERYTHING'S FINE, BUT... I'M NOT.


DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG? AM I MISSING SOMETHING? WHAT IF SOME DISASTER HITS TOMORROW AND--
SILVER, TAKE A BREATH.


IN, SLOW AND STEADY...

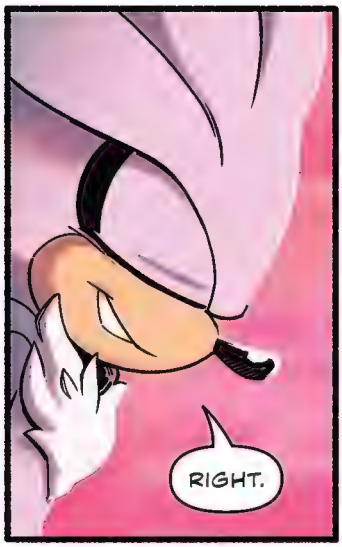

PHEW

AS A NINJA, MY FIRST PRIORITY IS THE SUCCESS OF MY MISSIONS. BUT AS A FRIEND... I CARE FOR THE SAFETY OF MY TEAM.
DANGER COULD BE WAITING FOR ME AROUND EVERY TURN. IF I ALLOW IT, MY FEAR WILL CONSUME ME. AND IF IT DOES...


...I WILL HAVE LOST WITHOUT MY ENEMIES EVER HAVING TO LIFT A FINGER.
SO HOW DO YOU FIGHT IT? THE FEAR, I MEAN.

MY TECHNIQUE IS SIMPLY TO HAVE FAITH. IN YOURSELF, AND THE STRENGTH OF YOUR FRIENDS.
YOU MAY NOT KNOW WHY YOU ARE HERE NOW, BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER. YOU ARE WHERE YOU NEED TO BE.

AND IF THERE'S TROUBLE, THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE BACK THERE THAT ARE READY TO STAND WITH YOU.
SO GO BACK TO THE GARDEN AND LET YOURSELF ENJOY THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR. YOU DESERVE THAT MUCH.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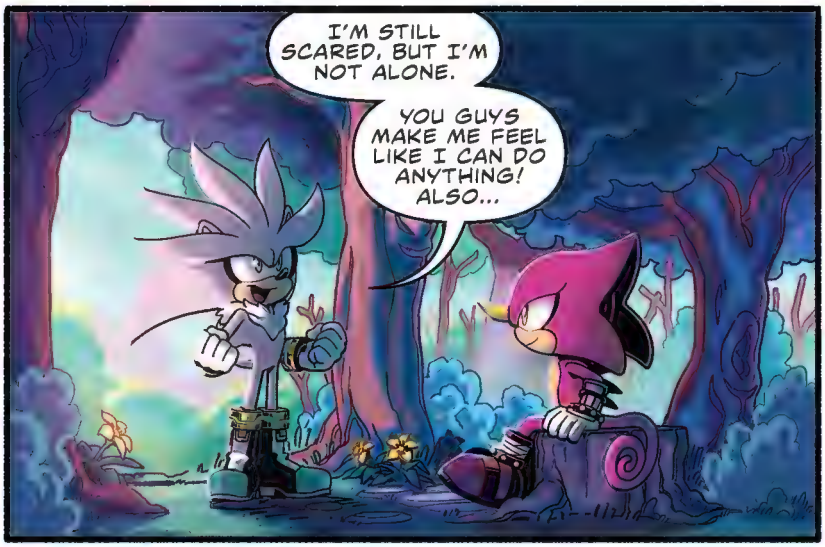
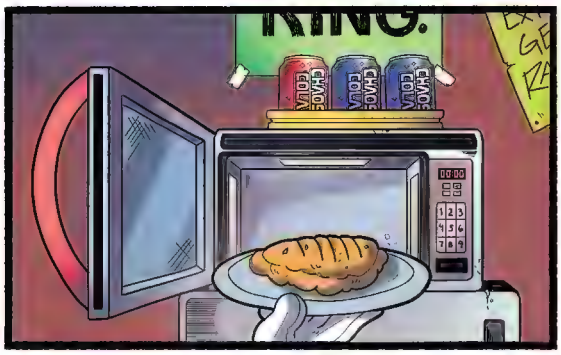
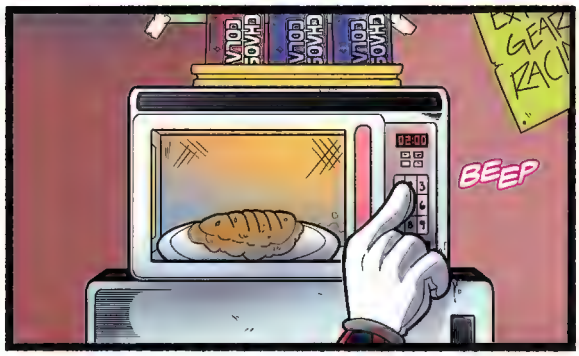

I'M STILL SCARED, BUT I'M NOT ALONE.
YOU GUYS MAKE ME FEEL LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING! ALSO...

...THANKS, ESPIO. FOR REAL.
OH! UH--

HEY, ESPIO! WHERE'D YOU GO? WE'VE GOT A BEE PROBLEM!
YARR, I'M THE POTATO KING!

NEED SOME HELP?
PLEASE.
END.





HANDSOME O'CLOCK

JOURNEY TO GREATNESS
50 jumping jacks
10 squats
20 froggy hops

HOME
sweet
blimp

It's GREAT to be the KING.

Happy Belated B-day!

STUD

ANOTHER GRAND ADVENTURE FOR JET THE HAWK

With skill and confidence, you are as fierce as the wind.
~Dad

DING

HANDSOME o'clock
JOURNEY TO GREATNESS:
50 jumping jacks
10 squats
20 froggy hops
10 bench presses

HANDSOME o'clock
HEY!
JOURNEY TO GREATNESS:
50 jumping jacks
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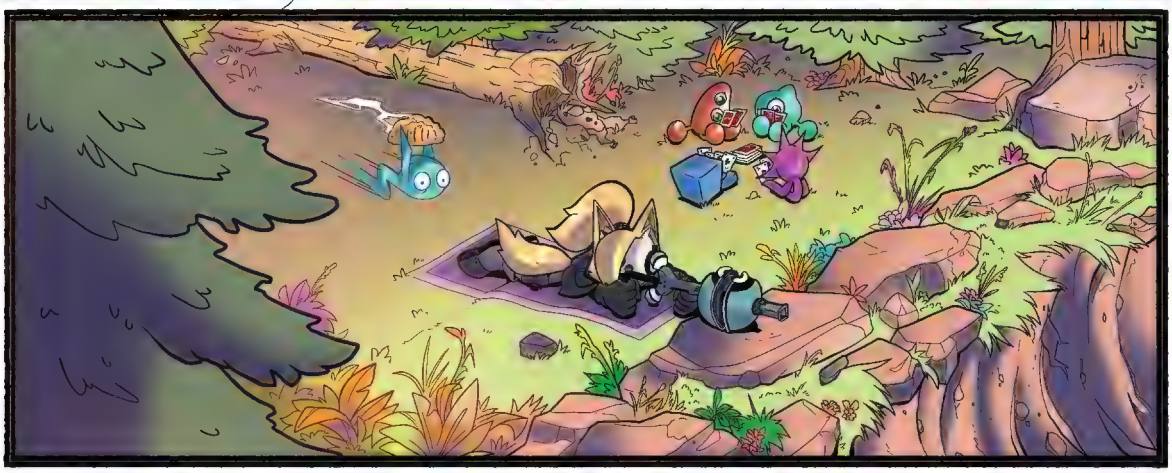
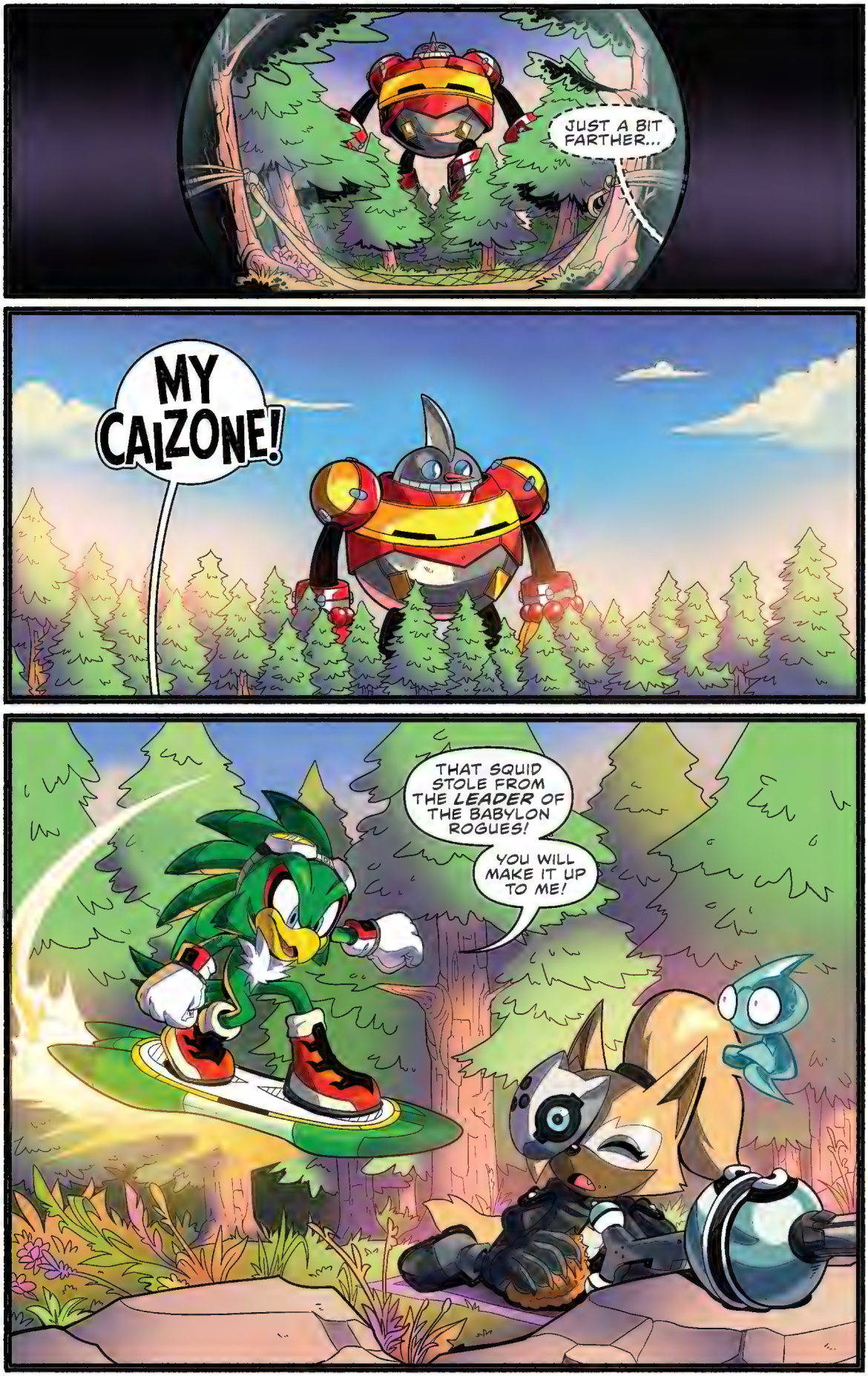
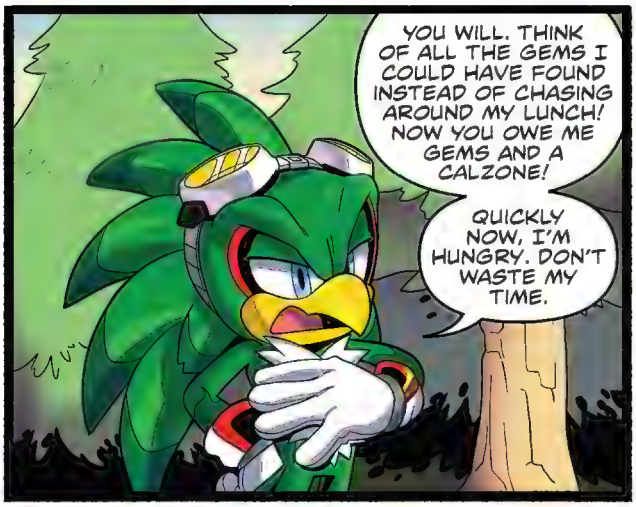


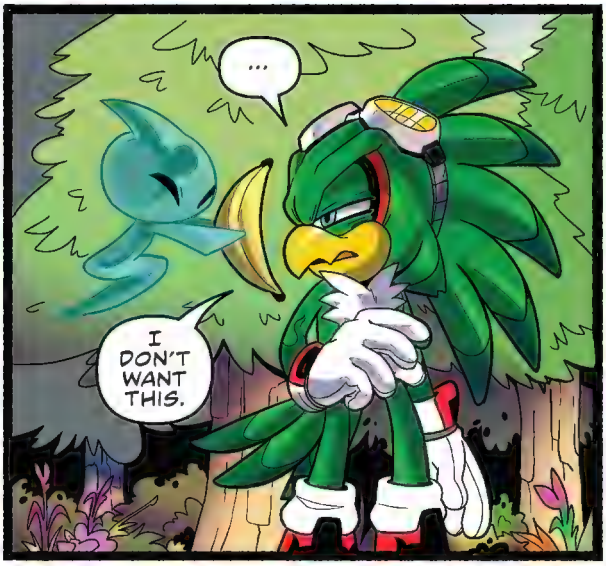
CALZONE? TASTY.

OH...


JUST A BIT FARTHER...
MY CALZONE!
THAT SQUID STOLE FROM THE *LEADER* OF THE BABYLON ROGUES!
YOU WILL MAKE IT UP TO ME!

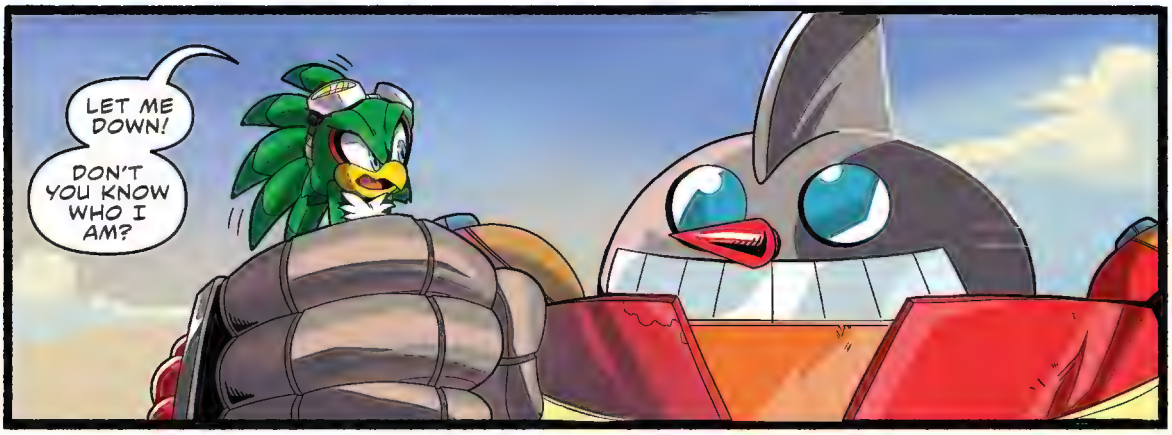
!
I WILL?


YOU WILL. THINK OF ALL THE GEMS I COULD HAVE FOUND INSTEAD OF CHASING AROUND MY LUNCH! NOW YOU OWE ME GEMS AND A CALZONE!
QUICKLY NOW, I'M HUNGRY. DON'T WASTE MY TIME.


...
I DON'T WANT THIS.

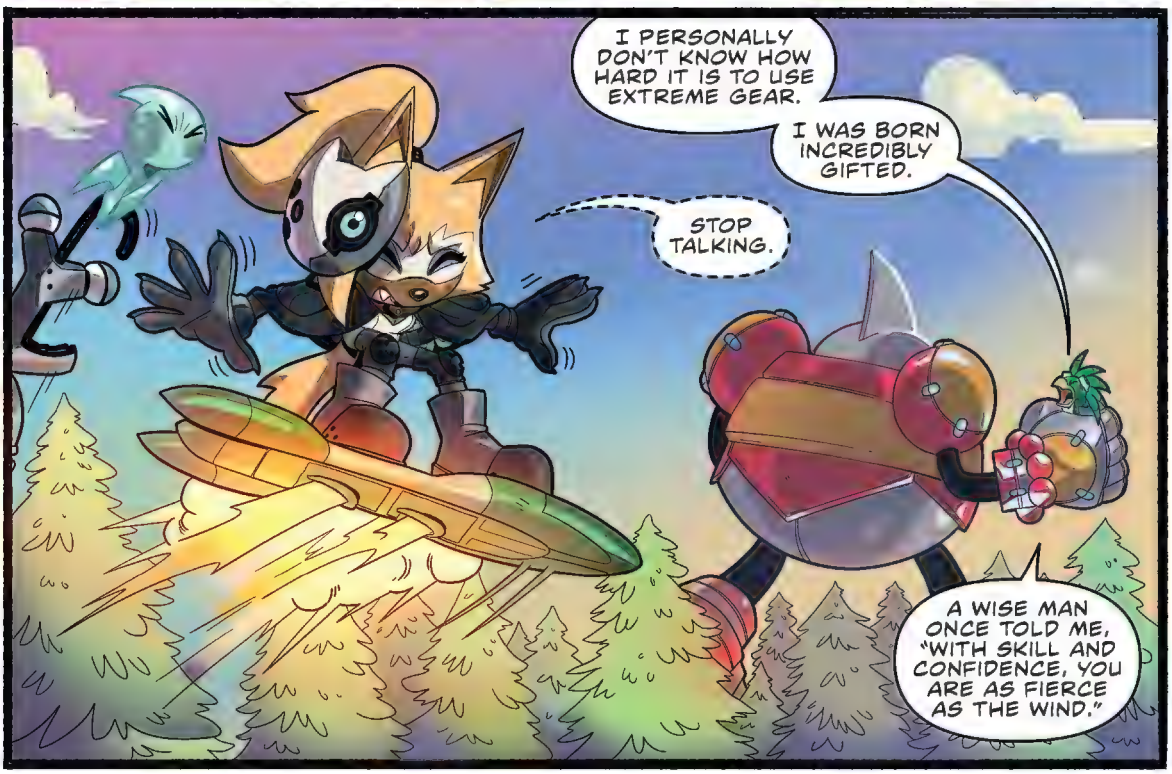
HUSH... THE BADNIK--

I CAN'T HEAR YOU WHISPERING OVER THE SOUND OF MY TUMMY!

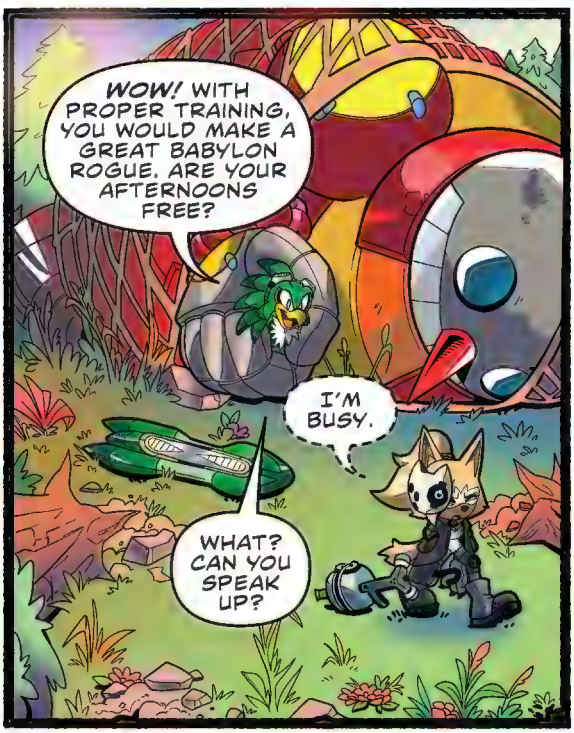

LET ME DOWN!
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

HEY! CALZONE POACHER! GRAB THE TYPE-J!
!

JUST STAND UP! THE ENTIRE *PLANET* KNOWS EXTREME GEAR WILL BALANCE ITSELF.
JUST PRETEND YOU'RE ME, AND NOT YOU, AND YOU'LL BE FINE!
...

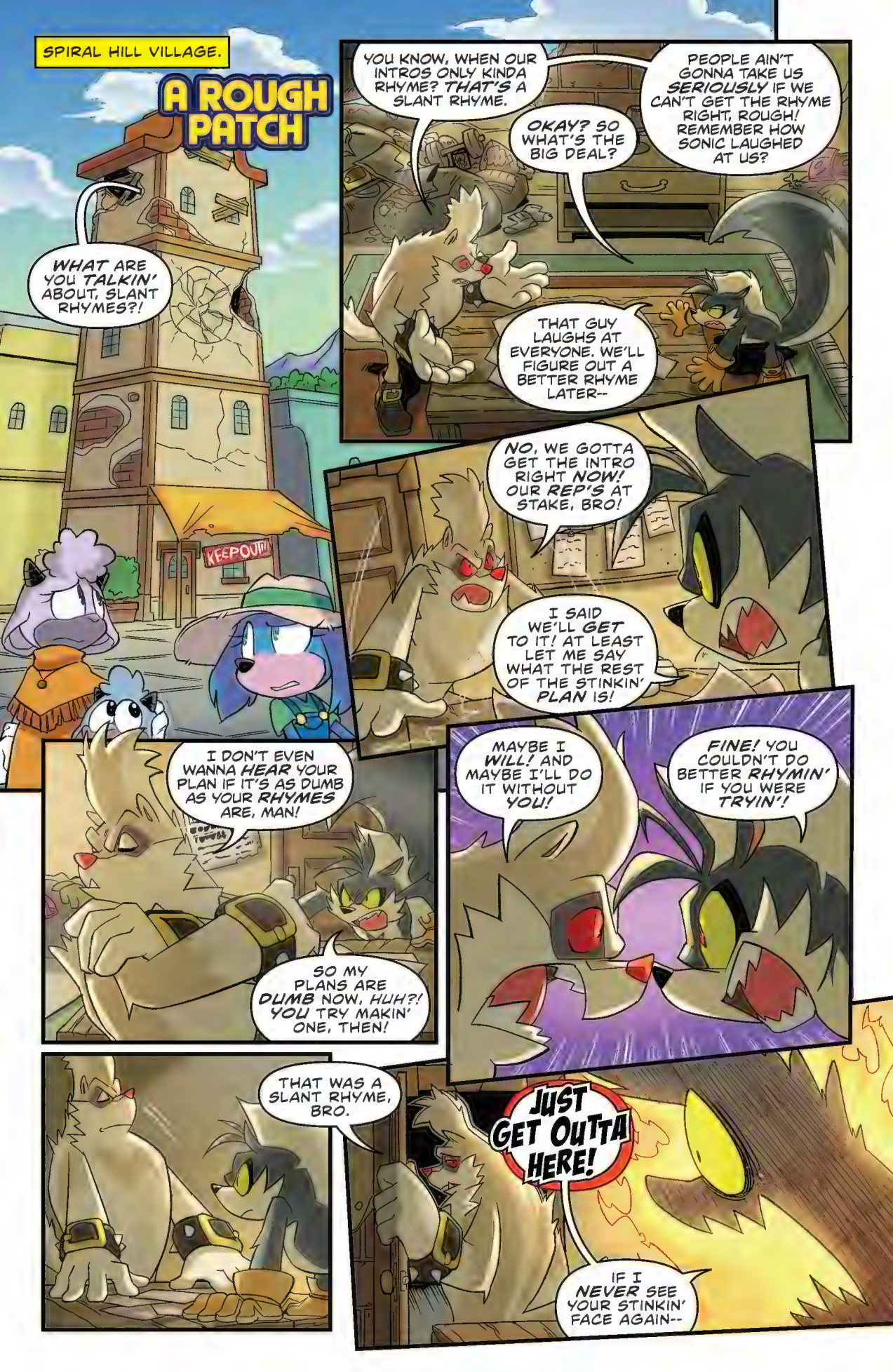

I PERSONALLY DON'T KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO USE EXTREME GEAR.
I WAS BORN INCREDIBLY GIFTED.
STOP TALKING.
A WISE MAN ONCE TOLD ME, "WITH SKILL AND CONFIDENCE, YOU ARE AS FIERCE AS THE WIND."

BE QUIET!
!
BOOM
CRASH

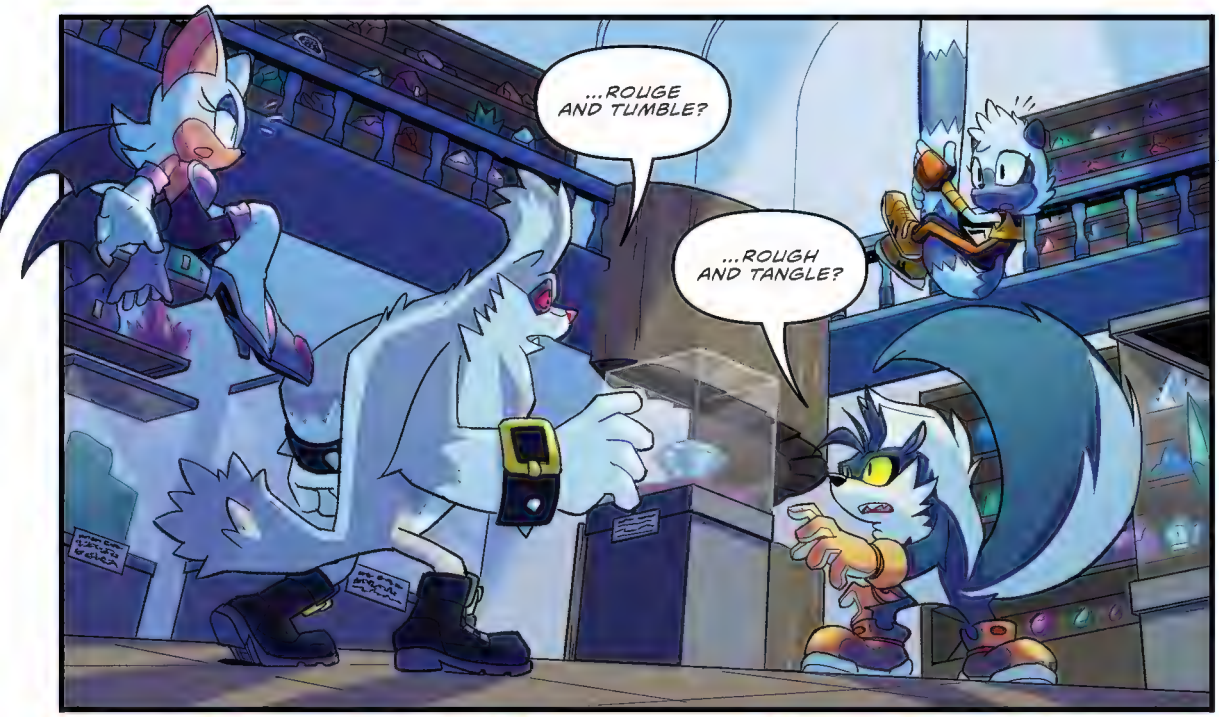

WOW! WITH PROPER TRAINING, YOU WOULD MAKE A GREAT BABYLON ROGUE. ARE YOUR AFTERNOONS FREE?
I'M BUSY.
WHAT? CAN YOU SPEAK UP?

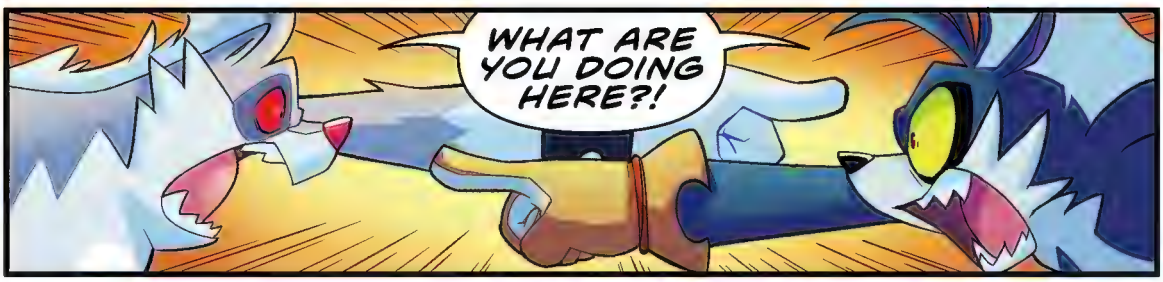
...
YOU STILL OWE ME A FRESH ONE.

END.


SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.
A ROUGH PATCH
WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT, SLANT RHYMES?!
YOU KNOW, WHEN OUR INTROS ONLY KINDA RHYME? THAT'S A SLANT RHYME.
OKAY? SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
PEOPLE AIN'T GONNA TAKE US SERIOUSLY IF WE CAN'T GET THE RHYME RIGHT, ROUGH! REMEMBER HOW SONIC LAUGHED AT US?
THAT GUY LAUGHS AT EVERYONE. WE'LL FIGURE OUT A BETTER RHYME LATER--
NO, WE GOTTA GET THE INTRO RIGHT NOW! OUR REP'S AT STAKE, BRO!
I SAID WE'LL GET TO IT! AT LEAST LET ME SAY WHAT THE REST OF THE STINKIN' PLAN IS!
KEEPOUT!
I DON'T EVEN WANNA HEAR YOUR PLAN IF IT'S AS DUMB AS YOUR RHYMES ARE, MAN!
SO MY PLANS ARE DUMB NOW, HUH?! YOU TRY MAKIN' ONE, THEN!
MAYBE I WILL! AND MAYBE I'LL DO IT WITHOUT YOU!
FINE! YOU COULDN'T DO BETTER RHYMIN' IF YOU WERE TRYIN'!
THAT WAS A SLANT RHYME, BRO.
JUST GET OUTTA HERE!
IF I NEVER SEE YOUR STINKIN' FACE AGAIN--

"...IT'LL BE TOO SOON!"
THAT NIGHT. THE MINERAL MUSEUM.
NEW EXHIBIT! CHAOS EMERALDS JUST DISCOVERED!
THIS HEIST'LL BE HUGE...
WE'VE GOT THE RIGHT STUFF...
IT WON'T BE A FUMBLE...
WE'LL TAKE A NEW ANGLE...
IT'S EMERALD-SNATCHIN' TIME FOR...


...ROUGE AND TUMBLE?
...ROUGH AND TANGLE?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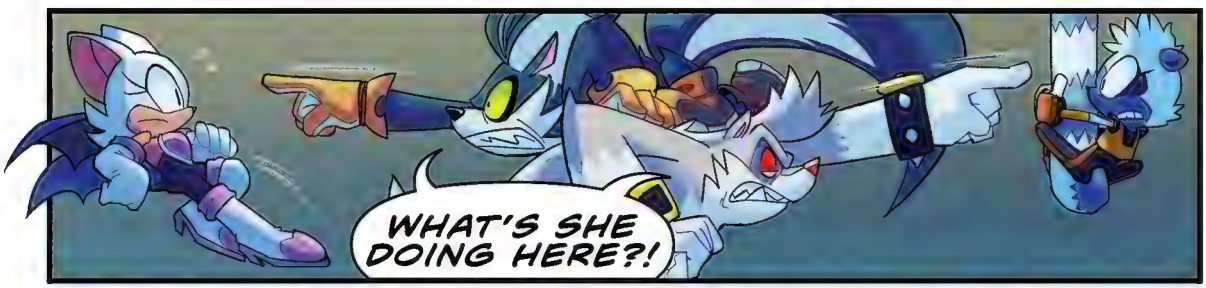
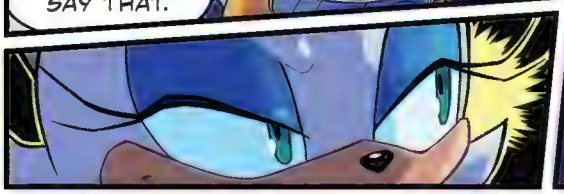
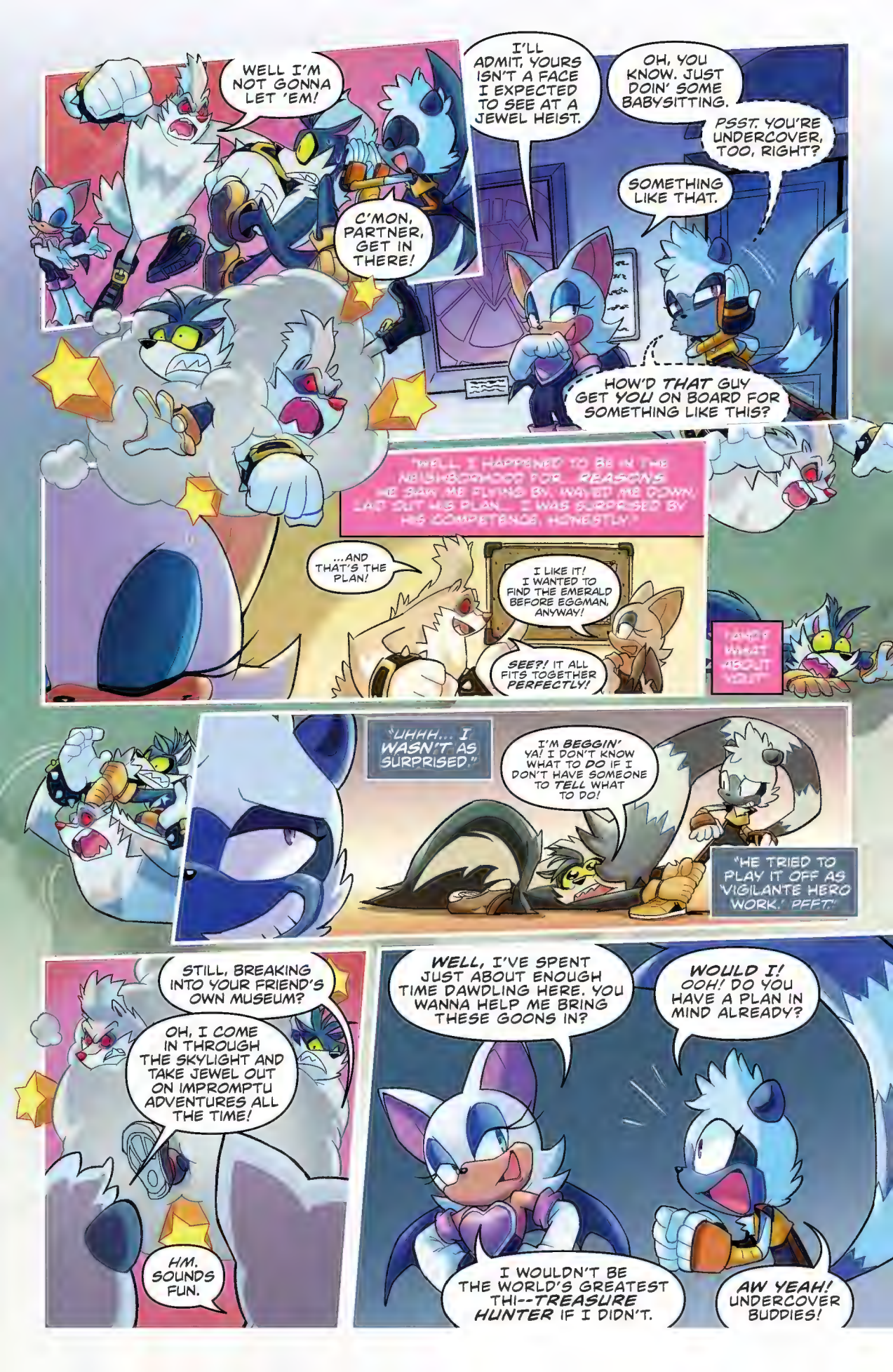

WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?!

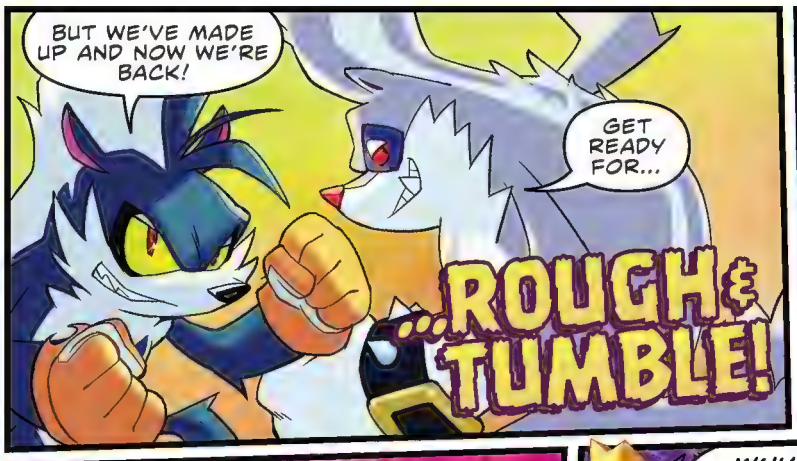
WHADDAYA MEAN, PARTNER? AREN'T THESE THE RUFFIANS YOU SAID WE HAD TO PROTECT THE CHAOS EMERALD FROM BY TAKING IT OURSELVES?
UM. OF COURSE. I DID SAY THAT.



THEY MUST HAVE FOLLOWED US HERE TO TRY TO STOP US FROM TAKING THE EMERALD!
WHAT?! F'REAL?!

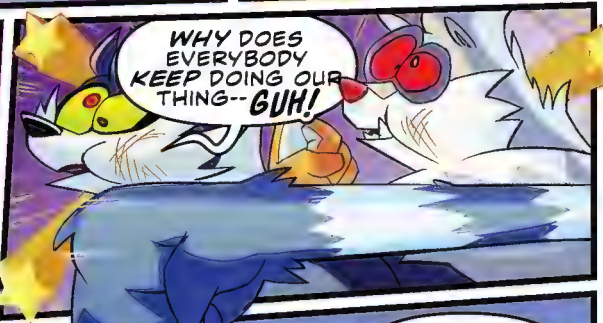

WELL I'M NOT GONNA LET 'EM!
C'MON, PARTNER, GET IN THERE!
I'LL ADMIT, YOURS ISN'T A FACE I EXPECTED TO SEE AT A JEWEL HEIST.
OH, YOU KNOW. JUST DOIN' SOME BABYSITTING.
PSST. YOU'RE UNDERCOVER, TOO, RIGHT?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
HOW'D THAT GUY GET YOU ON BOARD FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
"WELL, I HAPPENED TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR... REASONS. HE SAW ME FLYING BY, WAVED ME DOWN, LAID OUT HIS PLAN... I WAS SURPRISED BY HIS COMPETENCE, HONESTLY."
...AND THAT'S THE PLAN!
I LIKE IT! I WANTED TO FIND THE EMERALD BEFORE EGGMAN, ANYWAY!
SEE?! IT ALL FITS TOGETHER PERFECTLY!
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
"UHHH... I WASN'T AS SURPRISED."
I'M BEGGIN' YA! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IF I DON'T HAVE SOMEONE TO TELL WHAT TO DO!
"HE TRIED TO PLAY IT OFF AS VIGILANTE HERO WORK." PFFT.
STILL, BREAKING INTO YOUR FRIEND'S OWN MUSEUM?
OH, I COME IN THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT AND TAKE JEWEL OUT ON IMPROMPTU ADVENTURES ALL THE TIME!
HM. SOUNDS FUN.
WELL, I'VE SPENT JUST ABOUT ENOUGH TIME DAWDLING HERE. YOU WANNA HELP ME BRING THESE GOONS IN?
WOULD I! OOH! DO YOU HAVE A PLAN IN MIND ALREADY?
I WOULDN'T BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST THI--TREASURE HUNTER IF I DIDN'T.
AW YEAH! UNDERCOVER BUDDIES!

SO THIS IS YOUR PLAN, BRO? TURN GOODY-GOODY AND GET IN MY WAY?!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D BE HERE!
I JUST TOLD THAT WEIRD CHICK WE WERE DOIN' SOMETHING GOOD SO I'D HAVE SOMEONE TO TEAM UP WITH!
WAIT, YOU WERE JUST TRYIN' TO STEAL THE EMERALD, LIKE... IN A REGULAR THIEF-Y KINDA WAY?
YEAH! JUST LIKE... YOU...
DID WE HAVE THE SAME PLAN... BRO?
BRO...
SORRY, BRO! WE'VE FOUGHT ENOUGH!
!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE SURE DID STUMBLE...


BUT WE'VE MADE UP AND NOW WE'RE BACK!
GET READY FOR...
...ROUGH & TUMBLE!

YOU PLAYED ME FOR A STOOGE...
SO NOW YOU'RE GONNA GET MANGLED!
YOUR MASTER PLAN'S ABOUT TO BE STOPPED BY...

...ROUGE & TANGLE!


WHY DOES EVERYBODY KEEP DOING OUR THING--GUH!

ALL WRAPPED UP HERE, ROUGE! AND THE EMERALD'S SAFE AND SOU--WHUH?

I HATE TO DUPE AND RUN, BUT, WELL...IT'S WHAT I DO. SEE YA!
BUT... UNDERCOVER BUDDIES...

THAT'S IT, BRO... NO MORE TEAMING UP WITH ANYONE BUT EACH OTHER.
ROUGH & TUMBLE FOREVER, BRO...
END.

FOLLOW THE ACTION IN
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #52

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello, Sonic Squad! We hope you enjoyed this year's annual! It's always a blast getting to catch up with characters we haven't seen in a while. Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Joana Lafuente, Daniel Barnes, Thomas Rothlisberger, Leonardo Ito, India Swift, Abby Bulmer, Heather Breckel, Evan Stanley, Gigi Dutreix, Ian Mutchler, Natalie Haines, Priscilla Tramontano, Aaron Hammerstrom, Valentina Pinto, and Shawn Lee for so many amazing adventures! Now, let's check out your letters and art!

Dear Team Sonic,

We are Jacob (14) & Will (9), two brothers that love the Sonic world. We have been big fans ever since we saw the first Sonic movie and then we started buying the comic books and drawing heaps of pictures of Sonic and the other characters.

Will's favorite character is Sonic because he's so fun, cheeky, and such an adventurous

character. Jacob's favorite character is Tangle because she's so optimistic, adventure seeking, and always does what's right. Will's favorite issue is #36 because Sonic & Shadow have an epic fail on an attempt to stop an avalanche. Jacob's favorite issue is #49 because the characters in this issue find out more about themselves and also because the Beetle Bot that Mr. Tinker recreated to cut hedges is back!

Thanks for all your hard work with the comic books.

Jacob & Will

Dear Jacob and Will,

Thank you so much for your art and letter! I love that you two are both big fans of Sonic now. I bet it's fun to have someone to nerd out with in your house! You know, it's funny that you mention the avalanche in #36, since there was also an avalanche in the newest Sonic movie, and in your picture! Good thing Sonic is faster than snow, unlike a certain platypus…

I hope you both keep enjoying the comics! Have you tried reading them aloud with fun voices? I know a lot of our readers enjoy that!

P.S. The Beetle Bot is a Badnik model called a Motobug that we call Motobuddy!

Hi,

I'm really good at the Sonic speed runs so please make more speed runs and maybe make some in the 2D world. I'm a fan of Sonic and my name is Max. I'm six years old.

The only thing wrong about chili dogs is that they're not fast food.

Sincerely,
Max

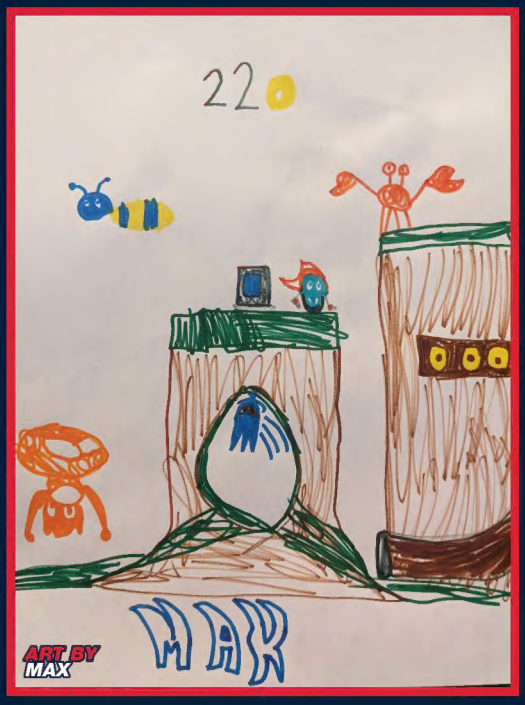
Hi, Max,

Oh heck, I'm no good at Sonic speed runs! You'll have to share some of your skills with me. But IDW just makes the comics, not the games, so unfortunately, I cannot make more for you… But I'm sure Sega has lots of plans for more games in the future.

You make an excellent point about chili dogs that made me laugh a lot. They're definitely not a typical fast-food-restaurant food, but I'm pretty sure you can find them somewhere! I'm almost certain that Sonic's world has one… They have to, right?

Thank you for your letter and art!

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Check out Sonic The Hedgehog *#52 later this month!*



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